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Parents' plea to save pre-school

BY JAMES AVERILL
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WORRIED parents whose children attend a pre-school that could be forced to leave its home at any time have demanded Milton Keynes Council takes action to help save it from closure.

Coffee Tots Pre-school, which caters for more than 40 families with children aged two to four years old, currently rents a room at the Bridge Academy in Jonathans, Coffee Hall, which has told the group it will soon need the space back.

Councillor for Coffee Hall, Steve Coventry, says the pre-school's committee had been in talks with the council about moving into the empty Coffee Hall Out Of School Project (CHOOSP) building in the same road.

But he added that discussions with the council have 'completely dried up'.

He said: "Incompetence and red tape has stopped this. The CHOOSP building had children in it this time last year so why is it now not good enough?"

The parents held a protest outside the council's offices yesterday morning to urge it to start talking to them again.

They said if the pre-school closed it would cause 'misery ' for parents and some of them may even be forced to give up their jobs because they wouldn't have anywhere to leave their children.

Amanda Ball's son Alfie, four, who suffers from juvenile arthritis attends the pre-school.

She told MK NEWS: "If we were kicked out I couldn't drive him anywhere as I don't have a car because I have some disabilities.

"I can't walk very far so having this around the corner is important. The council should help us with this and we need to stop being treated like second class citizens."

The CHOOSP building has been identified as the 'perfect' building by the pre-school as it is bigger and would allow it to accommodate double the number of children.

It would also help it to provide after school care on the estate.

A spokesman for Milton Keynes Council said: "Unfortunately costs associated with the renovation of the CHOOSP building to the standards required by Ofsted to operate a pre-school are in excess of the budgets available to the council and Coffee Tots. We are continuing to explore further accommodation options."

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Stuck: Amanda Ball would struggle to find a new pre-school for her son Alfie, four

Pedestrian hit by car in town suffers serious head injuries

A MAN was taken to hospital with serious head injuries after he was hit by a car.

The 24-year-old, who is from the Milton Keynes area, was hit by a Smart car in Stoke Road on the Lakes Estate in Bletchley on Sunday at about 9.30pm.

The road was shut for nearly two hours while officers examined the scene.

The driver of the car was uninjured, but the pedestrian was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital where he was still being treated at the time of going to press last night.

Although the head injuries are serious, they are not thought to be life threatening.

Sergeant Simon Hills, of Thames Valley Police's joint operations unit for roads policing, is urging anyone who witnessed the collision to help officers with their investigations.

He said: "We are appealing for anybody who may have seen the pedestrian before the collision to come forward.

"We are particularly keen to speak with anybody who saw a man wearing dark clothing who was walking along Stoke Road from the direction of Water Eaton Road towards the Lakes Estate."

Anybody who believes they may be able to help should contact investigating officer PC Samantha Silk from Roads Policing on 101.

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Teenager beaten for 20 minutes for iPad

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A 16-YEAR-OLD has spoken about her terrifying ordeal when she was attacked on a redway near her sixth form in broad daylight.

The teenager, who is studying for her A-levels at Milton Keynes Academy, was punched in the back of the head and then pulled to the ground by a man who then repeatedly hit her.

She screamed for help and the thug ran off with her art folder, which contained a white iPad 2, supplied by the academy, her A-level art and psychology work and a sum of cash.

The news follows this paper's story last week about young people being targeted in robberies in the area.

The teenager, who was too frightened to be named, said: "I had bruising on my cheekbones and over my body.

"He attacked me for at least 20 minutes before running off with my folder. He looked to me like a druggy and he was grinning at me as he punched me.

Do you recognise this man?: Police have issued this e-fit after a girl, 16, was attacked

"I now feel more vulnerable and don't take my iPad into school anymore. I have asked the school why there can't be cameras on the gates.

"I think he was waiting for someone but there weren't many people around at the time. I am nervous about him seeing me again."

Dara Carroll, principal of Milton Keynes Academy, said; "We continue to advise students to travel in groups.

"We have had a couple of students who have been approached so have sent out information to parents, as well as putting advice on our website.

"Unfortunately it could have happened to anybody.

"Like other schools we do help with the purchase of technology but we give strict advise. Students make themselves more vulnerable carrying stuff around.

"Unfortunately we can't turn our CCTV cameras on to the redway as this would film the public. The police or the council may wish to consider having more cameras in these areas."

If you have any information or recognise the man pictured contact police on 101.

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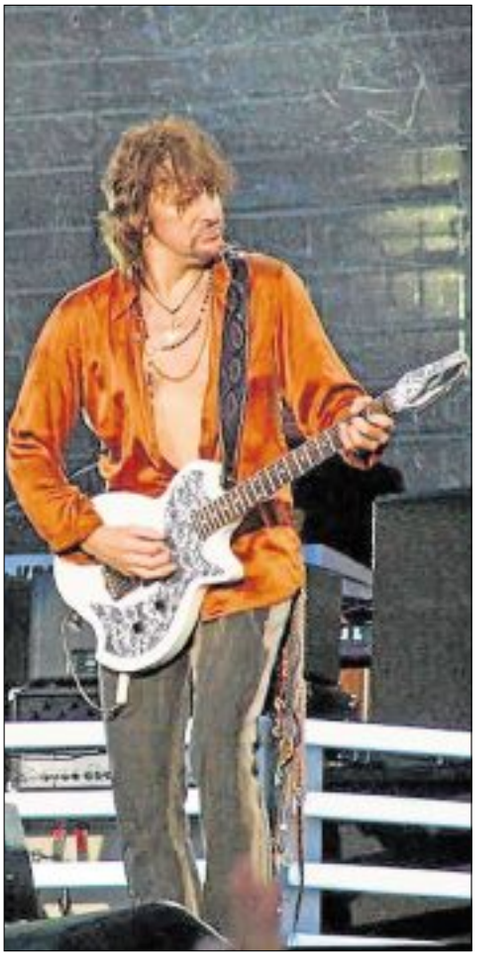

Buy signed Bon Jovi guitar used in MK bowl gig

A BON Jovi guitar which was used in a performance at The National Bowl in the city is being sold on eBay.

The guitar was used by Richie Sambora at the concert on June 10, 2006 as part of the band's Have A Nice Day World Tour.

The gig was moved to the city venue because Wembley Stadium had not been finished in time.

The supporting acts on the tour included Spin and Nickleback, who were followed by Bon Jovi's two-hour set.

The concert was enjoyed by more than 130,000 people over two dates.

The American based seller, who specialises in celebrity merchandise, has put the guitar from Sambora's own collection on the popular bidding site. You can 'buy it now' for £6,073.86 and there were 35 people watching the item at the time of going to press last night.

The rare guitar, which has also been signed by Sambora, has not been used since it was last played at the bowl.

To find out more, or to buy the guitar, search Richie Sambora guitar at www.ebay.co.uk

Striking a chord: Bon Jovi's Richie Sambora playing the guitar that was last used at the bowl and is now up for sale

Left empty: The old nunnery in Bradville has been vacant since 2009. Cllr Margaret Burke wants to see it turned into temporary accommodation to help alleviate the number of families in B&Bs

'Council should stop dithering'

BY JAMES AVERILL
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MILTON Keynes Council has been 'dithering' for five years over an empty nunnery.

That is according to councillor Margaret Burke, who believes the council-owned building – on the corner of Bradwell Road and Ashfold in Bradville – could be used to house a number of families stuck in B&B accommodation outside Milton Keynes.

Cllr Burke, whose ward covers Bradville, has previously raised the issue of the empty listed building, but is angered nothing has been done about it in the last three years.

She has called on the council to 'stop dithering and take action' as the building could potentially home seven or eight families.

She said: "It is a disgrace that this building has been empty for five years.

"It should be used as temporary accommodation in preference to B&Bs.

"In the long-term it could be developed for OAP bungalows or converted into flats."

As previously reported by MK NEWS, the council has been named as one of the worst authorities in the country for housing people in B&Bs for longer than allowed.

A spokesman for the council said: "We have been working with a local charity to do this, however, despite having gained planning permission, it found the costs of conversion to be excessive and withdrew in September. Remedial works are estimated to be in excess of £150,000."

£4m project to buy homes

ABOUT 40 homes could be bought by Milton Keynes Council in a bid to ease the city's housing crisis, if plans are given the green light later this month.

The authority is taking the 'radical' step of buying properties, which will mainly have one or two bedrooms, in a project costing £4million.

If the proposal is agreed by the council's cabinet on Wednesday, January 29, it could mean homes could be bought on the open market in less than six months, compared to the three years it could take to design and build new ones.

Cllr Edith Bald, cabinet member for housing, said: "In Milton Keynes we have a shortage of homes to rent for families who are homeless. This additional radical step will make a real difference to some families and it can't happen soon enough for me."

One person who may benefit from the project is Paul Adams, whose family featured in MK NEWS in November after they were placed in a cramped bedsit.

He said: "This is cracking news and although it's a short-term solution, it's going to reduce the figures of homelessness."

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City MP to get married

MP Mark Lancaster will be getting married on Valentines Day. The MP for Milton Keynes North will wed Caroline Dinenage in a small ceremony in the House of Commons chapel. Caroline, who is also an MP, is the daughter of TV presenter Fred Dinenage and the couple got engaged last year.

New loan for vulnerable

MILTON Keynes Community Bank, formerly known as MK Credit Union, is launching a new e-loan scheme in partnership with Milton Keynes Council. Those judged in urgent need may be eligible for a loan of up to £600. For more details call the council on 01908 253040.

Extra branch for UKIP

THE UK Independence Party (UKIP) has launched a branch in the north of Milton Keynes. Its chairman, Ben Saunders, said the decision was made to cover the area separately to the south branch after membership increased ahead of the 2014 local elections.

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Reason for rating

IT IS important in all cases to find out why a premises has been given a low rating (*'A zero rating for takeaway and butchers, MK NEWS, January 8*).

In our case, we were given a zero rating because we did not have a separate vacuum packaging machine for cooked meats.

It is not against the law to not have a separate machine – in fact dual use (for raw and cooked meats) was a totally acceptable practice for many, many years as long as appropriate cleaning measures were taken when changing the use.

Relatively recent Food Standards Agency guidelines recommend separate machines and the environmental health officers take these guidelines as law.

Upon our inspection, a new machine was bought and in place by the following morning, but unfortunately we now have to wait for the next inspection to have this lifted.

Kerry Lloyd
Lloyds Farm Butchers

Take it with pinch of salt

REGARDING these ratings I would take them with a pinch of salt.

If you want to shop or eat at any of the premises then take responsibility for yourself and your family's health and have a good look around the premises.

I only say this because I have bought all my meat from Lloyds Farm Butchers in Heelands for more than 20 years and never had any issues with the quality of meat or the hygiene on the premises.

It has been, and always is, spotless in there – a lot cleaner than butchers in other areas of Milton Keynes.

I do believe the food standards officer had an issue with the cooked meat not being vacuum packed, which was immediately resolved but they still have a zero rating.

So don't jump to conclusions about where not to shop based on these ratings, which have penalised harshly a local business which sells top quality home reared meat and produce. These are hard times for local business people and they need our support, not condemnation.

Ali B
Sent via email

Don't forget heroines

ARUN Vaidyanathan asks for a statue of Alan Turing (*Letters, MK NEWS, January 8*).

If he would care to visit Bletchley Park, he would find we already have a remarkably fine one on view.

Please remember Turing was one of 12,000 people who worked there and others deserve equal commemoration.

Our guided tours describe the park's wartime activities and it is entirely wrong to say that 'Bletchley treats its heroes very badly.' It depends how you define heroism, but for the record, most of them were heroines.

Dr Peter Jarvis
Bletchley

Move with the times

REGARDING your web story '*Milton Keynes 'hobbit house' denied planning permission*'.

As a resident of Bow Brickhill I think this is a great scheme which embraces sustainability and I could not think of a better location for such a property.

Villages need to move with the times – it's 2014 not 1914. Furthermore, Bow Brickhill has failed to deliver any of MK's housing needs for many years so it's about time somebody began to shake things up.

James Farmer
Sent via email

■ *For more on this story see page 20*

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Remember Holocaust

THE front page story of last week's MK NEWS '*Biggest stage of all for voluntary group*' gave us an excellent reason to 'Love MK'.

To read that the local voluntary drama group Voices of the Holocaust has been selected to stage its play I Never Saw Another Butterfly in Brussels on January 27 at the International Holocaust Memorial Day should be a source of pride for Milton Keynes.

It is vital that all of us, as well as European and world leaders, learn from the appalling murder of millions of Jews and other minorities 70 years ago.

This was in an advanced and 'civilised' Europe and within living memory. Unfortunately, attitudes of unjustifiable discrimination and a desire to seek scapegoats for our problems are still common in today's society.

Around the world, there are destructive movements on a vast scale that can only be described as genocide.

Sometimes these are led by government and sometimes by ideological or faith communities.

The outcome is the same – many thousands of ordinary human beings are treated like animals for slaughter because of their 'difference'.

On Thursday, January 23 at 7.30pm there will be a free and public Commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day at the City Church.

Cate Hibbert, artistic director of Voices of the Holocaust, will take part with the group. Leon College students who have visited Auschwitz-Birkenau will make a presentation and there will be music and readings.

The theme of Journeys will take us from the Holocaust of the 1940s to our world today where there is still so much to do.

All are welcome to this annual commemoration, which is always moving but uplifting and encouraging.

Pavla Gossop
Secretary, MK Peace and Justice Network

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

I DELIBERATELY try to avoid joining in on social media 'rants' because I find them pointless and they usually descend rapidly into childish stupidity.

But recently, one post highlighted an article published in The Independent which was a review of an exhibition at MK Gallery in CMK featuring promotional material from Milton Keynes in the 70s and 80s.

It was clear the reviewer had little knowledge or experience of Milton Keynes and trotted out the usual clichés about concrete jungles and roundabouts.

Those weren't the words used, but that was the gist of it. It was actually written in such a highbrow way that it felt the reviewer was trying to impress the reader more with her words than actually telling us what the exhibition was about.

Anyway, no sooner had the article appeared than people were denouncing the writer as a Milton Keynes-hater and someone who had no right at all to comment on this city.

Actually, I believe everyone who visits this city has the right to an opinion on it.

And if those first impressions are bad, we need to ask ourselves why. Not just dismiss this person as another London 'lovey'.

Milton Keynes isn't perfect. In fact, in places it's downright horrible. Many areas are in need of significant investment and even redevelopment.

People who still believe MK is the shiny new place it was when they moved here in the 70s and 80s need to open their eyes and look around them.

This mindless defence of Milton Keynes will do little to secure its future. Rant over.

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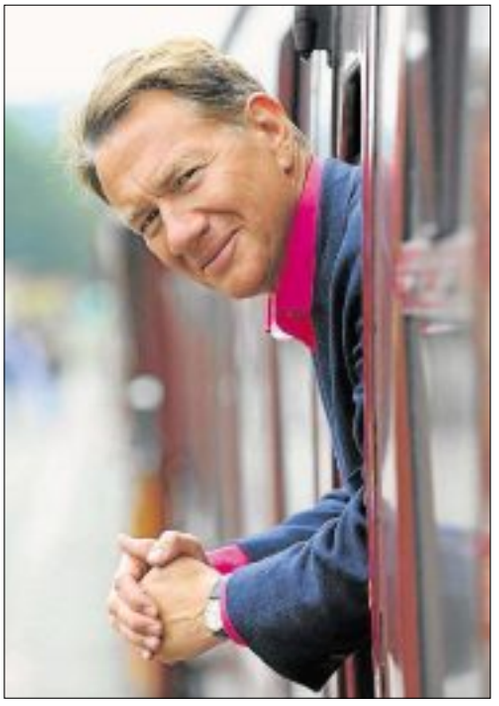

MICHAEL Portillo was seen visiting Milton Keynes on BBC Two's Great British Railway Journeys last night when he praised the city's history and Bletchley Park's 'fundamentally important' role in the Second World War.

In the episode, Michael continued his journey north on Robert Stephenson's first intercity railway line from the capital.

As well as visiting Bletchley Park where he met Japanese message codebreaker Betty Webb and Alan Turing's nephew, Dermot, Michael discovered a poet in Olney whose words are still sung today and explored Wolverton – the first purpose-built railway town.

The last stop on the leg was Newport Pagnell, where he learned the ancient craft of vellum making.

At Bletchley Park Michael hailed the secret heroes and said as a former Defence Secretary, he himself is still subject to the Official Secrets Act.

Choo Choo: Michael Portillo on board one of the trains taking him around the UK for his Great British Railway Journeys show

Training ground land questioned

BY JAMES AVERILL
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RESIDENTS have asked council watchdogs to look again at the decision to sell land to the organisation planning to build a training ground for MK Dons.

Last month, Milton Keynes Council's cabinet agreed the authority would sell its 80-acre Tickford Fields Farm in Newport Pagnell for £2.03million to InterMK – a property development consortium headed by Dons' chairman Pete Winkelman.

But 20 residents have asked the council to review the decision for a number of reasons, including whether the proposed price is 'significantly less' than it would attract on the open market.

The decision will be discussed at a meeting of the executive scrutiny panel, which this paper will be attending tomorrow evening.

Cllr Paul Williams, who is a member of the panel, has said he will ask questions about whether the council looked at all the facts during the process.

Reacting to the move, Mr Winkelman told MK NEWS: "We are interested to note the issues raised by some residents concerning the disposal of Tickford Fields Farm.

"For our part, we welcome full public scrutiny of this proposal as the democratic process exists to ensure transparency and accountability. We will respect any decision made by the council."

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Plan for 350 homes

HUNDREDS of new homes could be built on land south of the A421, which is currently used by Wavendon Golf Academy. For more about the application for the 350 homes visit www.mkweb.co.uk

Rutherford's baking

OLYMPIC champion Greg Rutherford appeared on The Great Sport Relief Bake Off on BBC Two last night, where he attempted to impress judges with his skills.

Mini Wonderland

MINI Wonderland MK raised £541 for MKIce, which supported its event at Christmas.

Inquest opened after crash

AN INQUEST was opened yesterday into the death of a man from Crownhill who died following a road accident.

John Butler, 50, died at Milton Keynes Hospital on January 7 – four days after the his Renault Clio collided with a van in Lennon Drive, Crownhill, at about 5pm on January 3.

The full inquest is due to take place on May 22. Anyone with information should call 101.

Bungalow work to begin

A GROUNDBREAKING ceremony will mark the start of work on the first council houses to be built in the city for 18 years.

Dignitaries will attend the event on Wednesday, January 22 at Briars Hill – where 13 bungalows for wheelchair users will be built.

Cllr Peter Geary, cabinet member for communities, said the project was a 'major step forward' for the council.

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Great Wall walk for clerk

A TOWN council clerk will take some time off from politics to walk for 10 days along the Great Wall of China.

Lisa Courtney, who works at Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council's offices in Queensway, signed up for the walk after being sent an advert to put in the authority's publication, The Neighbour.

Lisa will take on the challenge alongside her former council colleague Jane Forder.

"What started off as a joke is now a reality. I think both of us were too stubborn and competitive to say no to each other.

"I've been preparing in Milton Keynes, but it's a bit too flat if I really want to prepare properly!"

Lisa will set off for the trek on May 11 and needs to raise £3,000 in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

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Looking at plans for heart of city

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A THREE-DAY workshop will take place next month to debate the future of the heart of the city.

Local groups and organisations, expected to include Xplain, Urban Eden, MK Forum, MK Bus Users' Group and Age UK MK, have been invited to the brainstorming session, which is a joint initiative by Milton Keynes and CMK Town councils.

The sessions hope to 'reach a consensus' about the area surrounding Midsummer Boulevard, which is within a 'primary shopping area'.

Items set to be discussed include routes for public transport and a potential bus interchange; the addition of a town or civic square and the enhancement of the market.

The workshop will start on Friday, February 7 and continue on Saturday and the following Monday.

One of those invited to the meeting is Linda Inoki from Xplain, who said the pressure group wants to 'bring our boulevard back'.

She told MK NEWS: "We want to see more transport on the boulevard. We also want to see the shopping centre open 24 hours so that we can have a pedestrian route through it at night like we used to.

"But there isn't much point of adding a civic square when we don't make use of the ones we already have."

Rebecca Kurth, of CMK Town Council, said the boulevard needed 'more planning' and that the session aims to seek the views of a 'wide group of users'.

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MKNEWS BRIEFS

Surgery after attack
A MAN needed surgery for facial injuries after a suspected GBH. The attack happened shortly before 1am on New Year's Day outside the Tawny Owl in Walnut Tree.

Mark wants to rock
MP Mark Lancaster is joining rock legend Alice Cooper in encouraging local artists to sign up for the Rock the House competition. Read more at www.mkweb.co.uk

Bikers' safety course
BUCKS Fire and Rescue Service will hold its free motorcycle safety course for bikers at 7.30pm on February 20 at Great Holm Fire Station.

Pickles' praise for recycling

MILTON Keynes Council has been cited as a national example for its waste collection and high recycling rates.

The praise comes from Local Government Secretary Eric Pickles after he encouraged councils to bring back weekly waste collections.

The recycling rate in Milton Keynes currently stands at 54 per cent and Cllr David Hopkins, cabinet member for waste and environment, said he was 'proud' of the praise from Mr Pickles.

Strike to affect commuters

THOUSANDS of Milton Keynes workers travelling to London could be affected by two 48-hour tube strikes.

The RMT union has called for the strikes to be held from February 4-5 and 11-12.

London Underground workers have voted to walk out in a protest over plans to close ticket offices and axe 750 jobs.

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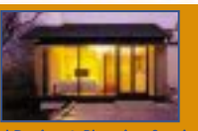

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World first: Bus route is electric

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THE world's most demanding electric bus route has been launched in the city.

The Minister of State for Transport, Baroness Susan Kramer, launched the electric buses, which are the first in the world to be able to carry 35 passengers for 17 hours a day, seven days a week.

The eight buses will run on route seven, which takes people from Wolverton to Bletchley, travelling through the city centre and past seven different stops.

Milton Keynes mayor Brian White took a trip on one of the buses on Thursday.

He said: "The bus was really quiet and smooth. This project is typical of Milton Keynes – we just get on and do it while others let hurdles stand in their way."

The route will test whether electric buses can perform as well as their diesel counterparts.

The buses will run for five years in a monitored programme, which will objectively assess their viability.

They are being run by Arriva and thirty to thirty-five of its drivers are being trained to work on the route.

Jamie Talbot, the programme's project manager, said: "It is important to show the world that electric buses can be environmentally friendly.

"There is not a lot of data out there on electric buses so this project is to help us and others learn more."

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It's electric: Mayor Brian White with Baroness Susan Kramer

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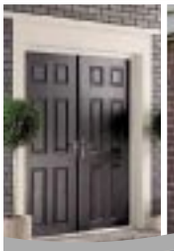

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Coach examined after hit and run

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A FAMILY-RUN coach company had one it its vehicles examined by forensic officers after a hit and run.

One of Souls' buses was spotted on CCTV at the same time a 44-year-old man was hit by a vehicle in Olney.

The victim, from Lavendon, was found with serious head injuries at the side of his car, parked in High Street near Nationwide.

Souls' manager, David Soul, said: "There is footage on the Nationwide cameras that showed our vehicle in the proximity at a similar time to the incident. Forensic police found nothing on the vehicle and the driver didn't know anything about it.

"The driver would have definitely known if he had hit someone, but if the man walked into the side of the bus this may have been different, but I would think there would have been an indication on the vehicle."

Road closed: Police investigate after a man was hit by a vehicle

The man was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital but has since been discharged.

Sergeant Simon Hills said: "After enquiries at the scene, we have concluded the man was the victim of a fail to stop road traffic collision.

"We do not know whether the driver of the vehicle which collided with the man was aware that they had been involved in a collision."

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Keeping revellers safe After8: A panoramic view of the hut which was located outside Xscape

Safe hut saves a clubber's life

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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QUICK-THINKING volunteers working at a safe hut supported by MK NEWS and MKWeb saved a reveller's life.

Located outside Xscape, the hut gave first aid and handed out water, flip flops and condoms to party-goers during the festive period.

A girl was taken to the hut on December 20 after leaving a local venue because she was feeling 'under the weather'.

Shortly after arriving she suffered a seizure and the St John Ambulance staff who were manning the hut gave her first aid and called paramedics who took her to A&E at Milton Keynes Hospital.

Ambulance staff said the presence of the first aiders and their quick reaction saved the girl's life.

Sixteen people visited the hut, run by After8, which promotes MK's nighttime economy, over the two-week period for minor cuts and bruises.

In total the hut saved the NHS about £2,500 due to fewer people going to A&E.

Melanie Beck, spokesman for After8 and the city centre manager, said: "The number of visits to the hut was down this year which is actually a positive for us however we managed to see hundreds of people over these days and the response from revellers was extremely positive.

"We are fortunate that Milton Keynes is already a safe place to visit on a night out and our added presence seems to be a welcome addition over the Christmas period. I would like to thank everyone that gave up their time and resources to support us this year."

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SAFE HUT FACTS

- 24 St John Ambulance volunteers donated 155 hours of their time to help revellers
- Over the two week period volunteers handed out:
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Platinum pair to mark milestone

A MARRIED couple who needed the permission of the Archbishop of Canterbury to wed will celebrate their 70th anniversary with a family dinner next Wednesday.

Doreen Lloyd, 86, was only 16 when she married soldier Thomas, now 92.

The couple moved to Bletchley in 1958 and have lived in the same house ever since.

"My father had left, so I needed permission from the Archbishop to marry. We still have the letter of approval that he sent."

Happy couple: Doreen and Thomas Lloyd married in 1944

For more on this story: Visit www.mkweb.co.uk

'We're turning around mental health centre'

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE health trust in charge of a mental health centre has said it has invested £2million to help improve it.

The Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust (CNWL) is the service provider for the Eaglestone based centre, which provides services for people who suffer with mental health problems.

And it discussed its plans for the unit when it was invited to speak in front of councillors and service users at last Wednesday's health and adult social care selection committee meeting.

An inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in April 2013 identified the centre had failed all eight key standards.

But CNWL has said that it is committed to improving the service to its users.

Claire Murdoch, chief executive of CNWL, said: "In April we implemented an 18-month turn around programme at the centre to ensure patients receive the highest standards of care – we are now about half way through that programme.

"In the past nine months we have invested £1million in extra staff and £1million in making improvements to the building, including removing ligature risks and creating two separate wards."

Former service user Liz Campbell, who attended the meeting, added that she was 'impressed with their honesty about the challenges they face'.

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The boss: Joe Harrison – who will have been chief executive of Milton Keynes Hospital for a year at the beginning of February – talked to reporter James Averill about his improvements, but says 'more needs to be done' to turn the 'failing' hospital into a good one

'We must improve'

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE chief executive of Milton Keynes Hospital believes it has improved since he joined almost a year ago.

Joe Harrison says he took over the 'failing' hospital, but believes it will take much more than 12 months to completely change its fortunes.

"I see this as a three to five year plan to turn it from a failing hospital into a good one," he told MK NEWS.

"We have made many good changes, but the hospital must improve even further.

"This time last year we had 87 per cent of patients being seen in four hours or under, and now we're up to 93 per cent. It's much better, but still off that 95 per cent we need."

Mr Harrison also confirmed the number of falls in the hospital has decreased, but there were still '50 people every month falling in my hospital'.

He has also outlined his plans for 2014, including changing the hospital's name and building a new cancer centre.

"Because of our partnership with the University of Bucks, we can now apply to change to become a university hospital. This would be a big boost as it attracts an even better level of clinicians to work at the hospital.

"We also want to build radiotherapy bunkers, as currently people in MK have to travel to Northampton or the John Radcliffe in Oxford.

"We're also hoping to build a new cancer centre on top of the bunkers, as well as a new academic centre so we can train tomorrow's doctors."

Mr Harrison also stated his 'commitment' to helping the review into healthcare services at MK and Bedford.

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Youth club may close its doors

BY SCOTT KIRK
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THE closure of a youth club would be 'a tragedy' for the area, according to one parent.

Tomorrow the management committee at the Bow Brickhill Youth Club will step down at its annual general meeting (AGM).

And if nobody comes forward to take over from chairman Beverley Thompson, secretary Nick Wagstaff and treasurer Stuart Leeming, the club at the pavilion in Rushmere Close will be forced to close.

Graham Folkes from Walton Park has two daughters – Charlotte, 12, and Claire, 14 – who go to the twice-monthly club, which offers activities like table tennis, snooker, crafts and a tuck shop for 47 children aged nine to 15 years old.

He said youngsters from areas like Caldecotte and Woburn Sands also use the club.

"I think it would be a real shame if the youth club disbands," he said.

"I imagine most of the children who enjoy the youth club would be very disappointed if it disappeared.

"It's a fantastic facility and it would be a tragedy if it closed."

The management committee, who are all in their 60s, are stepping down so a younger person can run the club.

Beverley, 63, said: "We understand that people have pressures but we're quite disappointed no-one has come forward to lead the club."

Anyone interested can attend the AGM at the pavilion tomorrow at 6.50pm, or call Beverley on 01908 372192.

Stepping down: *From left*, Nick Wagstaff, Beverley Thompson and Stuart Leeming are leaving Bow Brickhill Youth Club

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One year on for dementia home

RESIDENTS at a care home for people with dementia celebrated it's first anniversary with a party.

The anniversary coincides with a recent Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection where Flowers House – based in Bletchley – was deemed fully compliant in all inspected areas.

Cllr Debbie Brock,Milton Keynes Council's cabinet member for adult social care, said: "The inspection result is fantastic and a credit to the staff."

Party: Residents celebrate anniversary at Flowers House

Door is slammed on 'hobbit house' plan

BY SCOTT KIRK
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EARTH-SHELTERED houses similar to ones that people have asked to build in a village could become 'more mainstream', according to one expert.

Plans to build a zero-carbon, three-bedroom house in Drakewell Road, Bow Brickhill, were rejected at Milton Keynes Council's development control committee meeting on Thursday night, which was filmed by one resident.

The decision comes five years after permission was granted for another, four-bedroom 'hobbit house' in London End Lane, which is still to be built. Both applications have caused concern among villagers.

Robert Offord, manager of the South East Design Panel, which provides expert advice on design quality and supported the latest application, said: "Some of these technologies will become more mainstream through projects such as zero-carbon houses."

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But MK councillor David Hopkins, whose ward covers Bow Brickhill, said he wants eco-houses built on sites already earmarked for development.

"We see these applications because planning permission wouldn't be given for anything else," he said.

"We would like to see more eco-houses but within mainstream sites rather than as an excuse to bypass normal planning regulations."

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Vision for the future impresses minister

BY SCOTT KIRK
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LONG-TERM plans drawn up by two towns in the area have been praised by planning minister Nick Boles.

On a special visit to Woburn Sands and Wolverton on Thursday, Mr Boles said other communities around the country could learn a lot from the neighbourhood plans drawn up by their town councils.

The neighbourhood plans differs from those in the past, which were purely advisory for communities, because there are now statutory powers affiliated to them.

Over the next few months, neighbourhood plans devised by local authorities will have to pass a referendum before they can be adopted.

In Woburn Sands, councillors have included a new school and playing fields as part of their neighbourhood plan. Employment sites and a stronger bus link to the Brickhills and Bletchley have also been incorporated into the plan.

Mr Boles said: "Woburn Sands is a textbook example of how neighbourhood plans should be done and I'd like to encourage the town councillors to make themselves available to others on how to go about it.

"We want communities in the country to do neighbourhood plans and these people here can help."

Impressed: Planning minister Nick Boles talking to parish councillors at the Summerlin Centre in Woburn Sands

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Wolverton's neighbourhood plan focuses on two developments in the town – the Agora centre and the 35-acre St Modwen brownfield site.

Mr Boles told the town's councillors that he was impressed with the number of people who had been involved in the neighbourhood plan and that the process they had gone through was 'exemplary'.

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However, interest rates will not remain at this low level over the long term. At some stage in the next 2-3 years commentators believe interest rates will rise probably back to the levels they were before the financial crisis. This means that the value of fixed interest securities will fall. In fact it has been forecast that the overall annual returns on this type of investment are likely to be 2% p.a. for the next 10 years. This is because such investments produce an income return in the form of interest as well as a capital gain or loss.

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Needing a helping hand: Emma El-Badaoui from Connection Floating Support is looking for independent living mentors to help keep people in their homes

Search for mentors

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A CHARITY is looking for mentors to help teach people 'life skills' and stop them losing their homes.

Connection Floating Support offers advice to people living in Milton Keynes to prevent them becoming homeless.

Support workers and volunteers at the charity help them with tasks such as budgeting, cooking and writing CVs and job applications.

The charity also helps people with drug and alcohol problems, as well as those with mental or physical disabilities.

To enable it to help more people for longer, volunteers are needed to act as independent living mentors, who can visit clients on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

It is currently looking for between 30 and 40 volunteers across the area it covers to help look after about 30 of its clients in the city.

"We usually look after vulnerable people and those with complex needs, so we need somebody who is non-judgemental," said volunteer co-ordinator Emma El-Badaoui.

"We just need people who can teach our clients general life skills to maintain their tenancy and avoid homelessness."

Mrs El-Badaoui added the charity has struggled to find funding during the economic crisis. This has meant it has been unable to employ more support workers, which has increased the need for extra volunteers.

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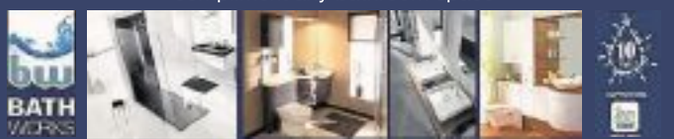

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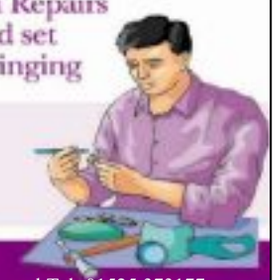

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Milton Keynes International Festival 2014: Under the Vaulted Sky, an award-winning dance project by renowned choreographer Rosemary Lee, has been inspired by and will be performed in the Cathedral of Trees this summer. Could you be one of the residents taking part in the project?

Be part of IF 2014

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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AN AWARD-WINNING choreographer is looking for 100 people from the city to be a part of a project in this year's Milton Keynes International Festival.

Under the Vaulted Sky by Rosemary Lee is a new dance piece inspired by the Cathedral of Trees near Willen Lake.

The project, which has received an Exceptional Award of £215,000 from Arts Council England, will be performed and filmed from July 17-23.

Whatever your age and experience, Rosemary is looking for residents willing to embrace the project and work with eight professional dancers to create the outdoor experience.

She said: "I am looking for people who love to dance and explore movement and who would relish the chance to perform in an unusual setting and in close proximity to the audience. You would become part of a community of 100 dancers of all ages from nine to 70 plus, exploring, creating, rehearsing and performing together."

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You could find your dream job at show

BY JAMES AVERILL
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UNEMPLOYED people will have the opportunity to meet high profile businesses at the first MK Job Show.

The event, taking place in Middleton Hall at the centre:mk on Saturday, January 25 from 10am-6pm, will be one of the biggest in the region.

More than 90,000 people are expected to attend in what is due to be one of the busiest weeks at the shopping centre.

Businesses exhibiting at the show – which is sponsored by Volkswagen Financial Services and has MK NEWS and MKWeb as media partners – include easyJet, Monarch, Travis Perkins and Santander.

Milton Keynes has previously been named the 'best place for business' and nearly 400 new units have opened up in the last year.

And while unemployment levels in the city continue to fall – 2.3 per cent in November 2013 compared to 3.4 per cent in the same month in 2012 – there are still thousands of people searching for jobs.

> Milton Keynes is one of the most successful cities in the UK.
> It was simply time for the MK Job Show to take place.
>
> **Mike Bickerdike**

The event's co-organiser, Mike Bickerdike, also hopes to attract employees who are perhaps thinking of a career change or finding their 'dream job'.

He said: "January is probably the biggest month of the year for job change and it is not really surprising as thoughts of 'new year – new career' naturally get a lot of attention during the Christmas and New Year break.

"And for people in Milton Keynes and the surrounding area this could be a particularly interesting and active time for career improvements.

"Milton Keynes is one of the most successful cities in the UK with more than 400 new companies having set up in the area in the last year. It was simply time for the MK Job Show to take place."

The event will offer nine different zones covering specific employment interest areas. They include head offices, advanced engineering and IT, leisure, retail and sales, building and construction, training, the public sector, finance and professional services and health and social care.

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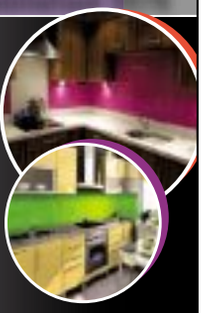

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Milton Keynes Council is making decisions about its 2014/15 budget; how best to fund and shape the services it delivers to you, and which support all the communities and businesses in Milton Keynes.

The council is in a good position thanks to strong financial stewardship and efficiencies put in place over the last three years. A balanced budget is proposed with a no rise in council tax.

Delivering your services over the past year

Your council tax pays for a huge range of services.

Council spending covers everything from schools, maintaining roads and pavements, developing parks and playgrounds, landscaping and grass mowing, providing libraries, bereavement services, managing planning permissions and licensing, supporting children, families and adults in need through social care and housing services, and much more.

Over the past three years we have reduced our spending by more than £53m.

In 2012/13 we spent around £200m providing services, with an additional schools funding of £200m to run Academies and local authority schools.

The scale of council services is hard to imagine. Here are some of the things which the council has delivered over the past year:

- Collected 118,000 tonnes of waste and recycling.
- Delivering a £50m programme investing in roads, redways and pavements, and repaired more than 20,000 potholes.
- Used 4,500 tonnes of grit to keep roads safe and people moving.
- Found council housing for 811 families and individuals.
- Helped more than 6,000 older and vulnerable adults.
- Looked after 13,000 children in our children's centres.
- Maintained 777 miles of roads and 920 miles of redways and footpaths.
- Administered more than £100m in welfare benefit to vulnerable people and those on low incomes.
- Brought over 4,000 new jobs into Milton Keynes through the work of our proactive Inward Investment team.

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Government funding for councils has reduced on average by approximately 8% each year over the last four years and this pattern shows no sign of changing. Over the same period, council tax has risen in Milton Keynes by just 1.95% because we have worked hard to deliver value for money in everything we do. Milton Keynes Council consistently figures high in value for money benchmarks against other councils and has one the best council tax collection rates in the country.

In the last 12 months the council has reduced expenditure by £16.7m. Some of the ways we have and continue to improve value for money are by:

- Reducing the senior management team.
- Reviewing contracts and suppliers to get better deals, including bringing services back to the council where this makes sense.
- Introducing new ways of delivering services where this delivers good quality at lower cost.
- Making better use of office space, including a planned reduction of office buildings by 40% within five years.
- Encouraging economic development in Milton Keynes, creating jobs for local people - and reducing demand for support services on the council.
- Transferring some services to parish councils and other partners who want to take on an asset or service and who we judge can do this more effectively.

The council has a medium term financial plan, introduced three years ago, to ensure we plan ahead for the financial challenges we will continue to face. Alongside a focus on cost efficiencies, through our plan we look for new ways of working and greater innovation.

Council tax is one of several ways Milton Keynes Council services are funded. Other funding comes from government grants, business rates, charges for services, and from rents for council homes and other council properties.

How we're doing: your Citizens' Survey feedback

You may have taken part in our recent Citizens' Survey, which tracks what you think about Milton Keynes and the council.

More than 1,300 people took part. Here's what the latest survey found:

- 83% of people living in Milton Keynes are either 'very' or 'fairly satisfied' with the borough as a place to live, a similar figure to previous surveys.
- 66% of people are either 'very' or 'fairly satisfied' with way the council runs things, which is a 14% improvement compared to the last survey (2011/12).
- 46% of people think the council provides value for money, a similar figure to previous surveys.
- The council services you are most satisfied with are:
  - Refuse collection
  - Parks and open spaces
  - Keeping public land clear of litter
- Things in Milton Keynes that you say need the most improvement are:
  - Roads and pavement repairs
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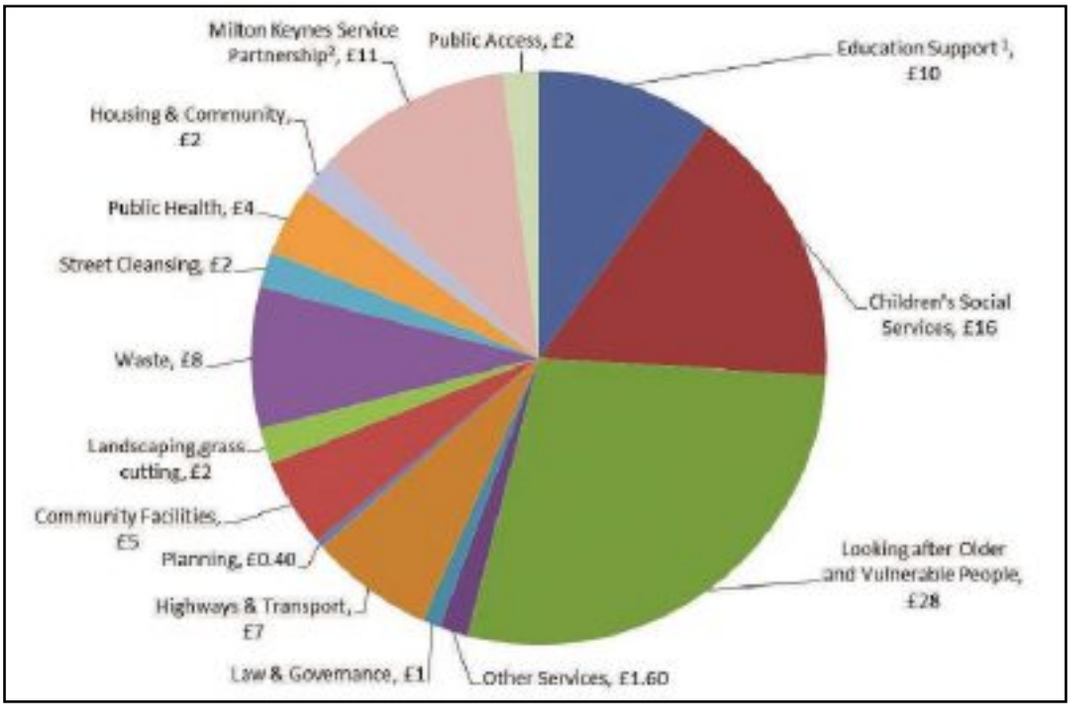
Here's how council spending from the general fund is broken down, by every £100 spent:



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In addition, the council has a ring fenced account for council housing, fed from rental income. It spends this money on repairs and maintenance of council housing stock, using any surplus for new housing provision. Last year we spent £10.2m on repairs and maintenance and £20m was put aside to fund future improvement works such as heating system improvements.

The budget proposal

The administration is proposing a balanced budget with a no rise in council tax, so Milton Keynes continues to have one of the lowest council tax levels in the area.

This means council tax for a Band D property set by the council for council run services will remain at £1,138.04.

(Please note: parishes and other precepting bodies will make their own separate decisions on whether to increase their elements of the council tax.)

The council is in a strong position thanks to savings and efficiencies it has put in place over the past few years, and we propose to continue these efficiencies, including saving more than £3m on reducing overheads, such as the buildings we own, and £6m by more effective contracting and commissioning of services and a further £6m through service redesign. Less than £300k of savings will come through service reduction measures.

Some of these efficiencies mean we are better able to invest in areas where demand is increasing and because of the growth of Milton Keynes, such as how we support people with dementia, to fund new social worker posts to support children in care, and collecting waste and recycling from new properties.

A line by line summary of the 2014/15 budget proposals is available online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/consultations and in paper form in libraries and the council offices. Please take the time to examine as much as you can.

Please give us your feedback

We would like your feedback on the 2014/15 budget proposals, such as whether you support specific savings, what services are most important to you, or suggestions for other areas where savings or investment could be made.

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In person: The budget will be discussed at the Cabinet meeting on 12 February 2014 and the Council meeting on 19 February 2014 (public meetings held at the council's civic offices).

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Theatre Arts Schools Stagecoach

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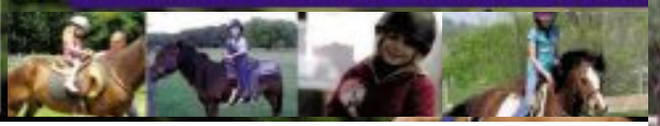

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WOUGHTON Leisure Centre will be holding another comedy night following the success of its inaugural event at the end of last year.

The Official Comedy Club returns with headliner Geoff Boyz, **right** – a Scottish comedian and impressionist who has worked as a warm-up act on shows such as They Think It's All Over and Dead Ringers.

Actress, comedian and writer Laura Lexx, **centre**, will host the evening.

An up and coming comedian, Lexx was a 2009 finalist at both the Chortle and Paramount Student Comedy Awards.

Globetrotting comedian John Newton, **left**, will be the opening act with his whimsical, subtle and often sublimely tasteless brand of jokes and narratives which will leave you wondering about the socia-economic stability of Thomas the Tank Engine's island home.

The show at the centre, in Rainbow Drive, Leadenhall, begins at 8.30pm, with doors opening at 7pm.

Tickets cost £12 and £10 for Comedy Club members.

To book call 01908 660392, or visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/woughtonleisure

online to read the full review log onto mkweb.co.uk

tastytreat

I WAS shocked to find Nonna's restaurant in Woburn Sands really busy on a Wednesday night at the start of January when people are sometimes feeling the pinch after Christmas.

I took my brother and his girlfriend to the Italian and Maltese restaurant and deli. For starters we had a delicious black squid ravioli with scallops, floured rings of calamari and prawns – a popular choice – and the pigeon salad, which was more of an acquired taste.

For mains I had a ham, sausage, mushroom and baby spinach pizza, which was big but still manageable for one. My brother devoured a risotto with butternut squash and crispy panchetta that was nice but quite sweet. His girlfriend enjoyed a fish stew which the kitchen rustled up after the monkfish dish was unavailable.

For desserts we shared a classic but creamy tiramasu, a filing panna cotta and a flavourful raspberry sorbet. The food was delicious but a bit expensive for the average family night out. I also thought they were understaffed.

Jessica Duncan

★★★★½

guitarwhisperer

CONCERT guitarist Richard Durrant has some musical treats up his sleeve to entertain audiences at The Stables.

The Brighton born performer – known as the 'guitar whisperer' – will be appearing with keyboard player Howard Beach, who is perhaps best known for his work as the harpsichordist and founder member of controversial baroque ensemble Red Priest.

Durrant and Beach will perform a guitar and piano arrangement of Rodrigo's Concierto di Aranjuez, their own version of Vivaldi's Violin Concerto in A minor and Julian Bream's arrangement of Boccherini's Fandango, this time with Beach on harpsichord.

Durrant will also perform his show-stopping version of Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells, as well as music by Bach, Barrios and Django Reinhardt.

Tickets to the concert, on Wednesday, January 22 at 8pm, cost £15 from www.stables.org

filmreview

BEN Stiller returns as both actor and director in his heartwarming adaptation of The Secret Life of Walter Mitty.

Stiller stars as Walter Mitty; a quiet photo editor at Life magazine who is also a profound daydreamer. His life soon takes an unexpected turn after a crucial photo for the final edition of the magazine goes missing. It's up to Walter to find it against stunning backdrops which stir emotion on queue but can feel like filler shots. The real focus should be on Walter as he slowly morphs into the hero of his fantasies fighting off sharks, skateboarding across Iceland and fleeing from an erupting volcano.

Walter's fantasy world soon spills over into reality as he begins to really experience life for the first time in tender and often dramatic ways.

Stiller never fully commits to the emotional potency of the story and often delivers comical quips when he should be tugging at our heart strings. It needed more sentiment and less of Stiller's trademark comedy, but for his first attempt at drama it's not half bad.

Rachael West ★★★☆☆

BOB Streatfeild is a ranger at Woburn Safari Park. In his latest column he talks about the park's new arrivals and how the team goes about choosing new names for them

THE stormy winter season hasn't seen any slow-down in the babies being born at the park and we've had some welcome new arrivals in the past couple of weeks.

Two scimitar horned oryx calves were born just before New Year, and a third was born in the second week of January. All three calves share a father – Medar, who has certainly been a busy boy since arriving 18 months ago!

The first two male calves will be given names beginning with 'N'. And the latest male calf will have a name starting with 'O' as we roll forward into the New Year and the team of keepers in the Savannah Grasslands reserve start using the next letter of the alphabet.

Keepers will choose names appropriate to each species' country of origin or a name that has some significance to the team and the Woburn estate.

Scimitar horned oryx are extinct in the wild; having been extensively hunted for their distinctive horn, as well as for their meat, throughout their habitat in North Africa.

Breeding in captivity is carefully managed in association with the EEP (European Endangered Species Program) and is crucial for their survival.

STONYWORDS' 10th annual festival starts on Saturday and runs until the end of the month.

Created to brighten residents' lives during the dark January days, the event is full of music, poetry, storytelling and quiz nights.

Events in the first week include Sing-along-a-loora-songs at St Mary and St Giles Church on Saturday. The free event will take place from 10am with songs for all tastes.

On Tuesday Open University physics lecturer, Craig McFarlane, will be giving a talk on Rainbows and Science of Light at Stony Stratford Library from 7pm. Also on Tuesday, The Fourth Bardic Trials will be held at The Crown at 8pm to find out who will take over from Danni Kushner, **pictured below**.

LitQuiz Night will get brains ticking on Thursday, January 23 at The Crown from 8pm with tickets costing £1. S.S.Shanty 2 returns to York House Centre on Friday, January 24 with Five Men Not Called Matt, **above**. Tickets cost £5 per person.

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ladynerds

THOUSANDS joined the Twitter debate on Monday night when the #ladynerds returned to ITV for the second series of Bletchley Circle.

The first episode is set 12 months after the last series, but begins with a flashback to the huts at Bletchley Park.

The women are reunited for their second case after their former Bletchley Park colleague Alice Merren is sent to prison to await trial for the murder of a distinguished scientist, who she was having an affair with.

Jean is determined to prove the accused is innocent and calls in the team for assistance, but with the evidence stacked against her, Alice is quietly resigned to the fact she will hang for the crime.

The episode took a little longer than usual to get going, but it wasn't long before the girly gang got into more trouble than they bargained for, leaving audiences waiting to find out what happens to them on Mondays at 9pm.

galleryevents

IN THE lead-up to the Treasures in MK exhibition, enthusiasts, collectors and artists in Milton Keynes have been asked to share their personal collections with MK Gallery.

From vintage tights to other delights, the Wunderkammer exhibition, running until February 2, aims to celebrate the practice of collecting.

Meanwhile in the first floor video space, John Berger's BAFTA award-winning series Ways Of Seeing explores how the invention of oil paint made painting the ideal way to celebrate private possessions.

The programme is regarded as the one of the most influential ones on art ever made. Admission to the gallery is free.

weddingbells

AFTER last year's sell out Pantomonium, The Other Miss W girls are back with a new pantomime for grown-ups.

In the bigger and better sequel – Pantomonium 2 The Wedding? – will Cinders finally make an honest man of Dick?

Not if Snow White has anything to do with it.

The pantomime is full of old and some new characters and is set to entertain audiences with its adult humour that makes it strictly for over 18s only.

The show will be running from tomorrow until Saturday with shows at 8pm.

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basketmaking

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abbatribute

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typhoonconcert

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Abby Rosales Jones will be performing at the concert at St Paul's Catholic School on Saturday from 7pm, thanks to the Filipino British Society Milton Keynes.

All proceeds from the event will go directly to the people who need it in the Biliran province.

Tickets cost £3 when booked through biliranconcert@outlook.com. They are also available on the door for £4, or £10 for a family of two adults and two children.

For more information contact Merald Yates on 07909 957313.

januaryjazz

JIVE away the January blues at a New Year charity show full of jazz.

On Sunday from 6.30pm visitors can enjoy a jam-packed line-up of blues, Dixie jazz and skiffle.

The night stars Tracy Walters from Pink Cardiac and T-Bone, **pictured below**, Mungo Jungo from Skiffle Band and Good Time Jazz with Cathy Wood on vocals and Nick Cottage on trumpet.

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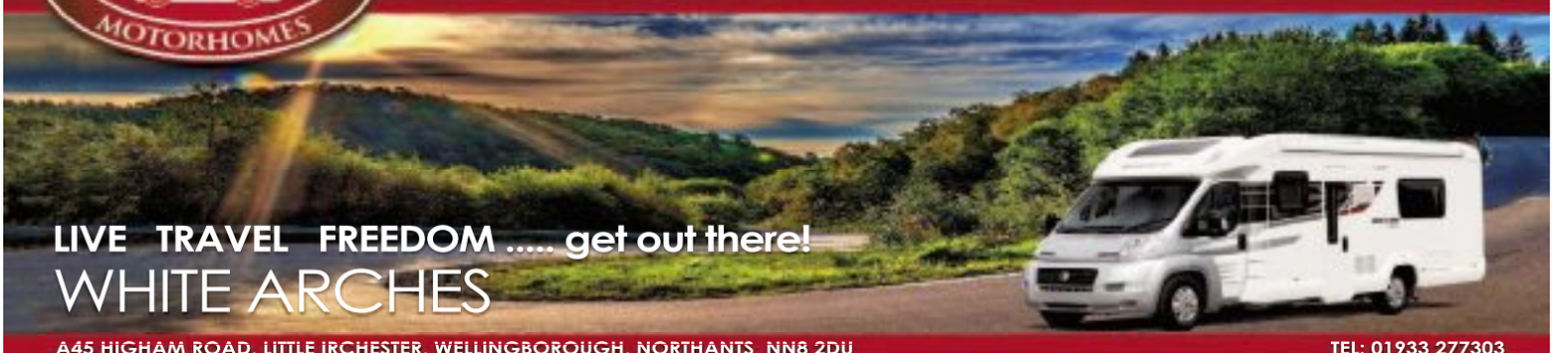

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A spacious five bedroom detached executive residence situated in the sought after area of Shenley Church End.

£375,000

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Furzton

- Detached Home
- Six Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Double Garage
- Large Rear Garden
- Kitchen/Breakfast

An exceptional six bedroom detached, individual design, family home in this quiet cul-de-sac in Furzton. Includes a double garage that has been partially converted into a gym, gas central heating and a large private rear garden.

£665,000

Downhead Park

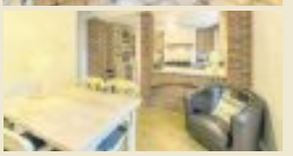
- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Four Reception Rooms
- Four Bathrooms
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

A unique opportunity to purchase this south facing residence situated on a corner plot designed by Edward Cullinan Architects. With versatile accommodation over four levels this property boasts a substantial lounge with high ceilings looking up to galleried family room.

£650,000

Old Farm Park

- Sought After Locatiom
- Good School Catchment Area
- Five Bedroom Detached Property
- Two En-Suites
- Three Reception Rooms
- Double Garage



A five bedroom detached property in the popular location of Old Farm Park that has been maintained to a very high standard by the current owners and located in a cul-de-sac with views over the green to the front.

£550,000

North Crawley

- Victorian Barn Conversion
- Countryside Views
- Village Location
- Stables
- Four Bedrooms
- Farmhouse Kitchen

Located in the sought after location of Pound Lane, North Crawley is this fantastic barn conversion offering ample living space and countryside views. Includes private rear garden leading to stables and stable yard.

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Moulsoe

- Beautiful Thatched Cottage
- Village Location
- South Facing Rear Garden with Views
- Period Charm with Modern Facilities
- Oil Fired Central Heating
- Mains Drainage

Wonderfully presented four/five bed character thatched cottage situated on a plot of approximately 0.5 an acre, set well back from Cranfield Road in the highly sought after village of Moulsoe, close to Milton Keynes with excellent travel links to London.

£950,000

Water Eaton

- Grade II Listed Converted Watermill
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Breakfast Room
- Conservatory
- Double Garage

An exceptional Grade II Listed converted watermill dating back to the 1700's situated within a stunning plot of around 0.75 of an acre. There is countryside out to the side and rear towards and beyond the Great River Ouzel and the Grand Union Canal.

£875,000

New Bradwell

- Individual Design
- High Specification
- Large Plot
- Small Gated Development
- Five Double Bedrooms
- Three En-Suites

An individually designed property located on a small gated development that has been built to the highest specification and with imagination and family living in mind.

£725,000

Sherington

- 300 Year Old Barn Conversion
- Two En-Suites
- Half Acre Garden
- Four Bedrooms
- Self Contained Annexe
- Double Garage

Delightful 300 year old barn conversion with half an acre garden and a detached annexe in the highly sought after location of Sherington Bridge. Formally part of the Chicheley Estate the Barn retains many of its original features and has been developed to a high standard.

£690,000

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Walnut Tree £385,000
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Garden
- Garage

Ashland £379,995
- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Garden
- Off Street Parking

Westcroft £369,950
- Spacious Detached Property
- En-Suite Master Bedroom
- Gardens
- Garage

Grange Farm £330,000
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Off Road Parking

Emerson Valley £325,000
- Extended Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Utility Room

Pennyland £325,000
- Four Bedroom Property/Villa
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage & Mooring Rights
- Off Road Parking

Downhead Park £275,000
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge
- Conservatory
- Driveway & Enclosed Garden

Broughton £225,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Lounge/Dining Room

Bradwell £225,000
- Four Bedroom Property
- Kitchen & Dining Room
- Gardens
- Garage

Eaglestone £220,000
- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Garden

Springfield £205,000
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory

Old Farm Park £199,995
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden

Fishermead £190,000
- Detached Property
- Two/Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Garage & Off Street Parking

Stantonbury £187,500
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking

Oldbrook £180,000
- Townhouse Property
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Gardens
- Parking

Fishermead £70,000
- One Bedroom Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom

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Two Mile Ash — £395,000

- Detached Property
- Six Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Cloakroom
- Conservatory
- Two En-Suite
- Off Road Parking

Caldecotte — £380,000

- Detached Property
- Living Room
- Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

Loughton — £375,000

- Detached Townhouse
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gardens
- Garage
- Gas Central Heating

Newton Leys — £325,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Family Bathroom
- En-Suite
- Rear Garden
- Garage

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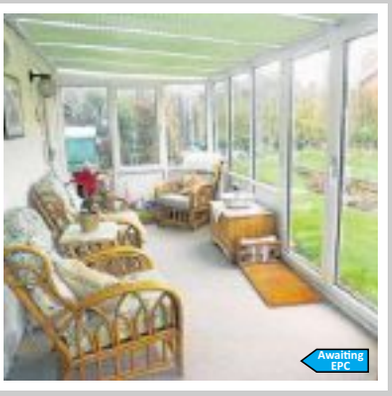
Newport Pagnell £339,950
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Garage

North Crawley £315,000
- Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Gardens & Parking

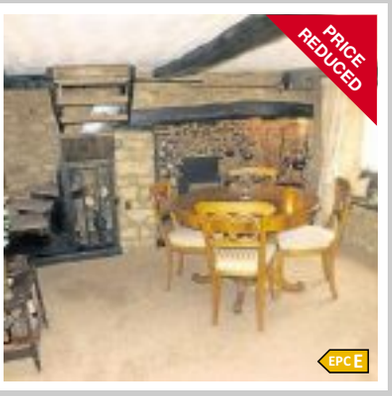
Redhouse Park £250,000
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Off Road Parking



North Crawley £310,000
- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Gardens
- Garage & Parking

Great Linford £190,000
- Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms

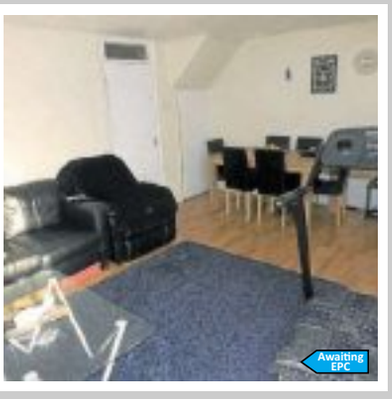
Redhouse Park £165,000
- Detached Coach House
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Off Road Parking



Hanslope £239,995
- Detached Thatched Cottage
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Original Exposed Beams
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Lounge/Dining Room

Greenleys £150,000
- Terraced Property
- One Bedroom
- Resident Parking
- Garden

New Bradwell £145,000
- Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- No Chain



Wolverton £140,000
- Top Floor Duplex Apartment
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Off Road Parking

New Bradwell £120,000
- Terraced Property
- One Bedroom
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen/Diner
- Off Road Parking

New Bradwell £110,000
- Second Floor Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Allocated Parking

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Newport Pagnell £350,000

Four bedroom semi detached property set in a private cul-de-sac location and offers an easy commute to the M1. Includes kitchen/diner, two large reception rooms, garage and excellent decor.

Newport Pagnell £360,000

Four bedroom detached family home in the sought after road of Flora Thrompson Drive on the poets, the property benefits from a private location, remote double garage, en-suite and conservatory.

Ashland £300,000

Located at the end of a shared private driveway is this well presented four bedroom detached townhouse property. Offering spacious living throughout, private rear garden and within close distance to lovely lakeside walks.

Newport Pagnell £289,995

Four bedroom detached property within the sought after location of Newport Pagnell. The property in brief comprises cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, family bathroom, master bedroom with en-suite, garage, off road parking, front and rear gardens.

Newport Pagnell £325,000

Four bedroom detached family home situated in the 'Poets' area of Newport Pagnell, the property has beautiful views over bury fields and walks backing onto open parkland.

Bradwell £275,000

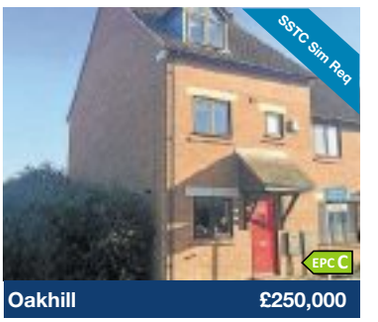
Four bedroom detached family home with four double bedrooms, lounge/diner within a cul-de-sac location, this property is one not to miss. Early viewing is highly recommended.

Bancroft £275,000

Located in a sought after location is this spacious four bedroom detached family home. Offering plenty of living space throughout with scope to extend, private rear garden and master en-suite.

Haversham £270,000

A stunning family home set in the extremely sought after village of Haversham. Much improved by the current owners, this house offers a wealth of versatility and space throughout.



Oakhill £250,000

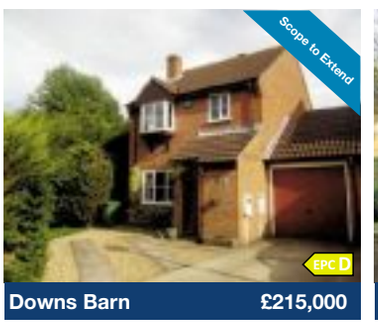
Located within the sought after location of Otterburn Crescent, Oakhill, is this well presented four bedroom semi detached townhouse.

Shenley Brook End £235,000

Located within the sought after location of Shenley Brook End, this well presented three bedroom semi detached property has been fully refurbished throughout with a re-fitted kitchen and bathroom

Newport Pagnell £230,000

An extended four bedroom semi detached house in the ever popular Rivers Estate of Newport Pagnell. The property offers a brilliant project for any families or investors looking for an affordable family home.



Downs Barn £215,000

Located in the sought after location of Saddlers Place, Downs Barn is this well presented three bedroom link detached property situated on a corner plot.

Heelands £144,995

Located within short distance to Central Milton Keynes, is this three bedroom end terraced property with no upper chain, ideal for all investors.

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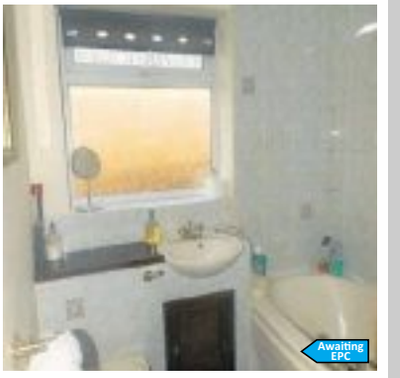
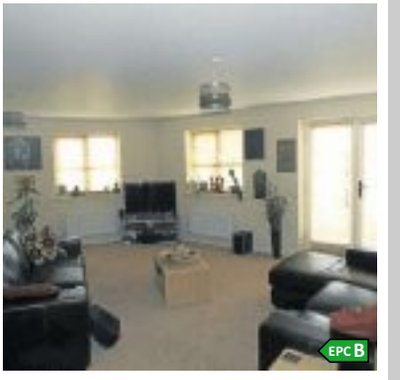
Kemsley Crescent £360,000
- Great Location
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Show Home Condition
- Off Road Parking

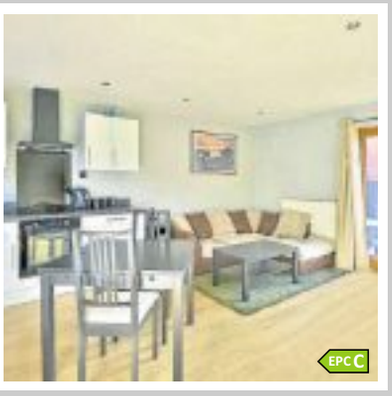


Vandyke Close £320,000
- Three Double Bedrooms
- South Facing Garden
- Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Conservatory

Lavender Hill £250,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Garden



New Port Road £187,000
- Three Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge/Diner/Kitchen
- Master with En-Suite
- Off Road Parking

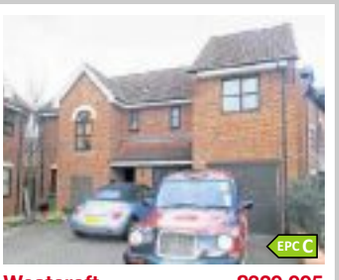


Buzzacott Lane OIEO £170,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- One Reception Room
- Off Road Parking
- Re-fitted Kitchen & Bathroom

Sheridan Grove £398,000
- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Double Garage
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room

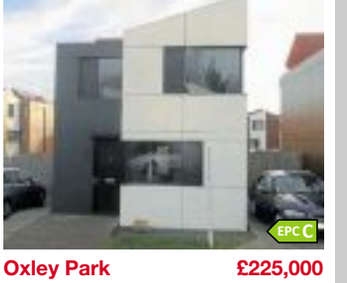
Nymans Gate £379,995
- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms

Bogart Place £360,000
- Five Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom & Three En-Suites
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage



Westcroft £329,995
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Four Bathrooms

Oxley Park OIEO £265,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garage Parking



Oxley Park £225,000
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

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Whiteley Crescent — £199,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Annexe/Office
- Ample Parking
- Re-fitted Family Bathroom
- Parking for Three Cars

Western Road — £175,000

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite Master Bedroom
- Built in Wardrobe to Master Bedroom
- Large Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Close to Town Centre

Angus Drive — £154,995

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

Hunstanton Way — £135,000

- Terraced Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
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- Double Glazing
- Front & Rear Gardens
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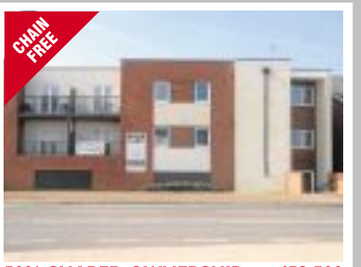

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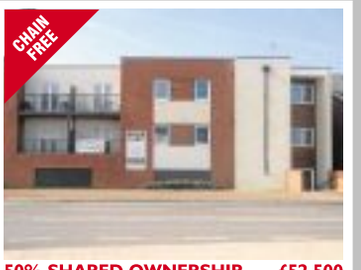

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A home to be proud of....a four bedroom detached house offered for sale in excellent condition throughout. The property has spacious accommodation and is located in a popular residential area with good access to the M1 and Central Milton Keynes.

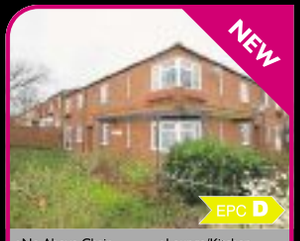
Broughton £300,000

This stylish modern home is offered for sale with No Upper Chain and has the added benefits of a modern refitted kitchen, three reception rooms and seven double bedrooms with four bathrooms.

Oakhill £425,000

Local schools, linear park and woodland are in walking distance of this superb five bedroom detached. The property has been much improved to a high standard by its current owners and benefits from solar panels and a southerly facing rear garden.

Tattenhoe £375,000



- No Above Chain
- Ground Floor
- Apartment
- 2 Bedrooms
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Good Access To CMK And The Hospital

Springfield £117,500

- No Above Chain
- First Floor
- Maisonette
- 1 Bedroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Storage Room
- Bathroom

Stony Stratford £79,995

- Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- En-Suite
- Downstairs Cloak
- Parking
- Views Of Lake

Redhouse Park £250,000

- Ground Floor
- 2 Bedrooms
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Integrated Appliances
- Bathroom
- Intercom Entry
- Parking
- No Above Chain

Kingsmead £174,995

- Terraced
- 3 Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloak
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Gardens
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- No Above Chain

Tinkers Bridge £120,000

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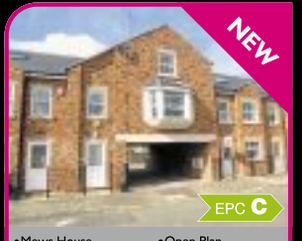
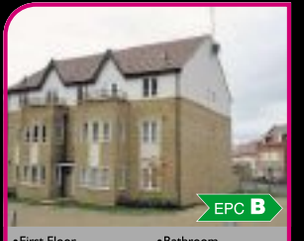


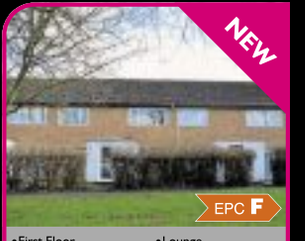
- Mews House
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Downstairs Cloak
- Open Plan
- Allocated Parking
- Spacious
- FEES APPLY

New Bradwell pcm £850



- First Floor
- Modern Apartment
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Bathroom
- Parking
- Spacious
- FEES APPLY

Willen Park pcm £850



- First Floor
- Maisonette
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Kitchen Appliances
- Lounge
- Double Glazed
- Well Presented
- FEES APPLY

Stantonbury pcm £725

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- Refitted en-suite
- Refitted kitchen
- Separate lounge
- Separate dining room
- Utility room
- Front & rear gardens
- Garage
- Immaculate throughout

FENNY STRATFORD £139,950

- Victorian terrace
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge/diner
- Fitted kitchen
- Working cellar room
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Southerly facing
- Original flooring
- Cast iron fireplace
- Excellent condition
- Viewing a must

DEANSHANGER £264,950

- Detached home
- Three bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Separate lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Conservatory
- En-suite to master
- Refitted bathroom
- Rrefitted kitchen
- Off road parking
- No chain
- Viewing a must

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MONKSTON £310,000

- Detached executive family home
- Cul de sac location
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Separate lounge
- Formal dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Utility room
- En suite to master
- Three further double bedrooms
- Garage
- No chain
- Viewing a must

NON ESTATE £375,000

- Detached bungalow
- Fully refurbished
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- 94ft rear garden
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- Garage
- Off road parking
- Close to station
- No upper chain
- Viewing a must

WESTCROFT £254,950

- Semi detached
- Four bedrooms
- Separate lounge
- Cloakroom
- En suite to master
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Garage & carport
- southerly aspect
- Cul de sac location
- Viewing a must
- No chain

SHENLEY BROOK END O.I.E.O £459,950

- Detached family home
- Four bedrooms
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- Upstairs bathroom
- Full cellar
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- No upper chain
- Energy Rating D

WOLVERTON £175,000

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- Semi detached
- Separate reception rooms
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas to radiator heating
- Front and rear gardens
- No upper chain
- Energy Rating D

WOLVERTON £195,000

- 4 bedrooms
- Two en-suites
- Full cellar
- Re-fitted upstairs bathroom
- Separate reception rooms
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Single garage to the rear
- Energy Rating E

WOLVERTON £175,000

- 3 bedrooms
- Semi detached house
- Separate reception homes
- Extended downstairs shower room
- Upstairs bathroom
- Gas to radiator heating
- No upper chain
- Energy Rating D

NEW BRADWELL £160,000

- 3 bedrooms
- Mid terrace house
- UPVC double glazing
- Lounge through dining room
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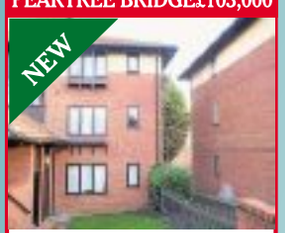
- Exposed floorboards
- Enclosed rear garden
- Energy Rating E

PEARTREE BRIDGE £103,000



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- No upper chain
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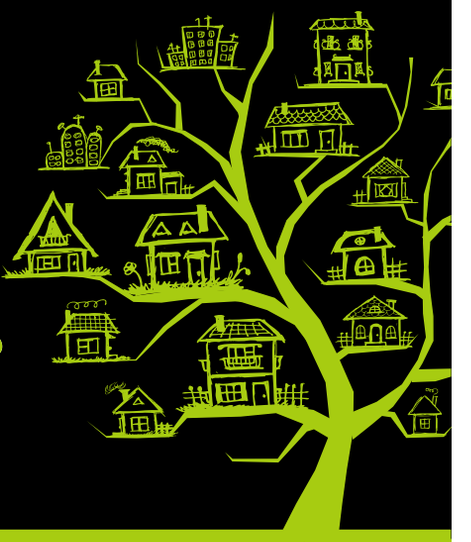

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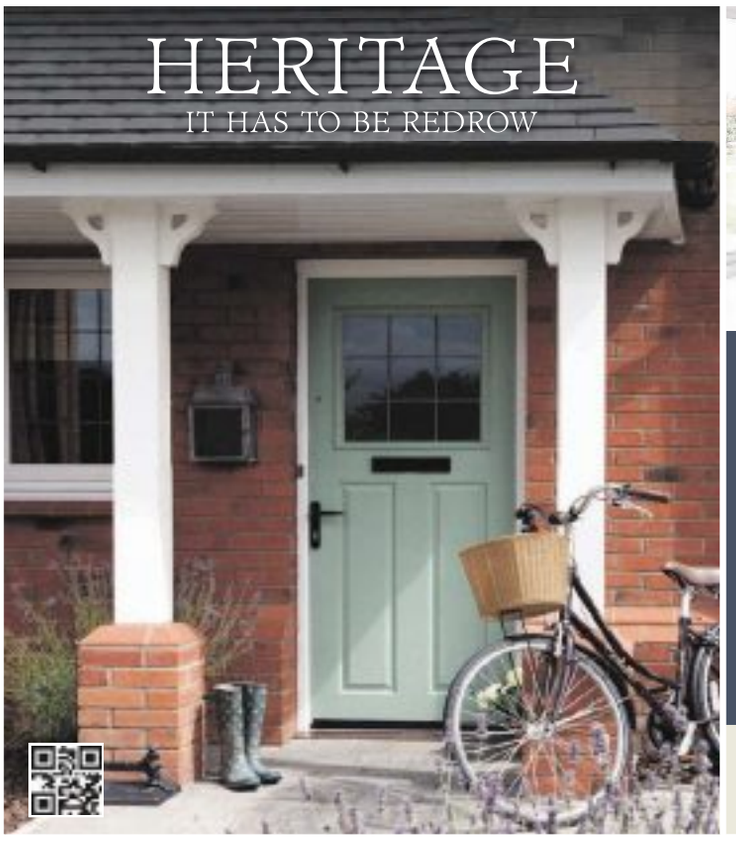

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£24,892-£29,528 pro rata **Ref: 50016279**

Proposed salary £27,323 - £31,160 pro rata

You can play a big part in helping the people of Milton Keynes to improve their skills, employability, health and wellbeing by developing a high quality adult/family learning programme. We'll look to you to manage the Arts curriculum area which includes Art and Design, Performing Arts and Textiles. This includes teaching, assessing and internally verifying courses; giving advice to learners and tutors; and supporting and developing tutors. It's a role that calls for a recognised adult teaching qualification and a degree (or equivalent experience). You'll also need the flexibility to travel within the Milton Keynes area from our Bletchley base and to work occasional weekends and evenings.

For informal enquiries, please contact Claire Griffin, Adult Learning Manager on 01908 556762.

Duty Team Leader – fixed two year contract

18 hours per week

£21,067-£25,727 pro rata **Ref: 59000242**

Proposed salary £22,443 – £26,539

Our Home Carers work directly with vulnerable people across the Milton Keynes area. In this key role, you will support Home Carers working out of hours, making sure that all visits are covered in the event of unplanned staff absences. It means liaising with other health and social care professionals and as well as the Home Care Manager. To be considered, you need an NVQ level 3 in Health & Social Care (or equivalent) and relevant experience in a care setting. You should also be IT-literate, organised and able to work independently. Please note that you'll be working weekends and evenings throughout the year, including bank holidays.

For informal enquiries, please contact Trish Hunter on 01908 254331.

This role is subject to safer recruitment practices.

Safeguarding Senior Practitioner

£33,128-£38,422 **Ref: 50017481**

Proposed salary £32,072 - £35,784

If you are a qualified social worker with significant experience working in Adult Social Care, including safeguarding adults form abuse and neglect and conducting safeguarding investigations, this could be your opportunity to join our dedicated Safeguarding Team. As the Senior Practitioner, you will play a lead role in the day-to-day supervision of a small team of experienced social workers and take responsibility for key decisions about managing safeguarding alerts and Deprivation of Liberty (DoLS) referrals. You'll also manage and lead complex safeguarding investigations and work with a range of partners within and outside the Council including Health and the Police. Enthusiastic and keen to develop your role, you will be a valuable source of expertise across Milton Keynes Adult Social Care for DoLS and safeguarding.

For informal enquiries, please contact Wendie Hatt on 01908 254547.

This role is subject to safer recruitment practices.

Team Leader

£21,067-£25,727 **Ref: 59000268**

Proposed salary £22,443 – £26,539

If you've worked with people with dementia before, you'll understand the difference that expert care can make. At Courteney Lodge, we make sure that people with dementia get exactly that, via our dedicated team of professionals. The Courteney Lodge is a sheltered housing with care scheme, designed to meet tenants' complex needs. As Team Leader, you will plan and monitor the care provided, making sure it meets the highest standards. You'll also supervise your team and deputise for the manager. It's therefore essential that you have an NVQ level 3 in Health & Social Care/Management (or the drive to study for this qualification).

For informal enquiries, please contact Sarah-Jane Copeman on 01908 502947.

This role is subject to safer recruitment practices.

To apply online visit: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/jobs-careers For an application form, email: jobs@milton-keynes.gov.uk Please quote appropriate reference. Salaries will normally start at the first point of the grade. We are unable to accept CVs, unless accompanied by a completed application form.

Closing Date: Sunday 2nd February 2014

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Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

BASED AT SERVICE HEADQUARTERS: KEMPSTON

ASSISTANT HEALTH & SAFETY ADVISOR

£22,443 to £24,892 per annum (starting salary dependant on qualifications and experience)
Hours: 37 hours per week
12 months fixed term contract with the possibility of becoming permanent

As part of the central Health & Safety Support Team, you will provide assistance in the delivery of the Service's Health & Safety Support function and in particular the completion and review of general specialist risk assessments and the support, monitoring and auditing of health and safety performance at station/section level throughout the Service. You will also undertake the design, development and delivery of health and safety related training for Service personnel.

To deliver the above you will need to hold a NEBOSH General Certificate in Occupational Health & Safety, or equivalent, with indepth post qualification experience in a similar role.

TRAINING ASSISTANT / TECHNICIAN

£18,638 to per annum
Hours: 37 hours per week

This post will require you to provide technical assistance and routine maintenance at the Training Centre for which relevant training will be provided. You will be required to service equipment and maintain a database of test results. You will also be involved in the setting up of exercises in conjunction with the instructional staff at the Training Centre.

You will have good communication skills and be able to work unsupervised. You should also be literate, numerate, and able to follow laid down procedures.

A current full driving licence with no pending issues is an essential requirement for both roles. There is also a requirement for Corporate Clothing to be worn.

An application form, job description and personnel specification, together with other relevant details may be obtained from www.bedsfire.com where the advertisement will be published under 'Careers and Recruitment'. Alternatively, if you are unable to access a computer, please contact the Human Resources Section on 01234 845025.

Completed application forms must be returned no later than Friday 31st January 2014.

Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from people from ethnic minorities and disabled people who are currently under-represented in this area of work within the Service.

HAVERSHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

The Crescent, Haversham, Milton Keynes MK19 7AN
Telephone : 01908 312673
Email : havershamf@milton-keynes.gov.uk

If you are interested in **joining our friendly** team we have the following **vacancies**;

PART-TIME MIDDAY SUPERVISOR
Hours : 11.50 am – 1.10 pm
Monday to Friday term time only
Salary : Grade MK 1 approx. **£ 6.35 per hour**

You will be supporting the children whilst they eat their meal and engaging with them as they play, You will also be required to serve dinners, clear up and put the tables and chairs away.

SCHOOL CLEANER
Part time 6 hours per week
(after-school, days negotiable)
Salary : Grade MK 1 approx. **£ 6.35 per hour**

The successful candidate must be enthusiastic, reliable and a good cleaner, with high standards – somebody who will take pride in their work.

For further information, please contact Mrs Rachel Gregory, School Administrator on 01908 312673 or email havershamf@milton-keynes.gov.uk Visits to the school are welcome.

Closing Date : Friday 24th January 2014

Interviews to be held on : Wednesday 5th February 2014

Haversham Village School is committed to safeguarding our children and expects all staff to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to reference requests and Disclosure and Barring checks. All applicants must submit a completed application form, no CV's are accepted.

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MILTON KEYNES PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Milton Keynes Preparatory School and Broughton Manor Preparatory School are IAPS schools with superb facilities for children from 2 months to 11 years.

We are currently recruiting for the following positions in both buildings :

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NNEB, BTec National Diploma or NVQ3

UNQUALIFIED NURSERY ASSISTANT

Our Nursery staff help provide a safe, warm and friendly environment for the children placed in our care. Applicants should display a genuine desire to work with children and be an excellent communicator.

Full time and part time positions available
46 weeks per year or term time only
All posts are subject to a satisfactory DBS check.

Locations :
Milton Keynes Preparatory School, Tattenhoe Lane, Milton Keynes MK3 7EG. Telephone :01908 642 111

Broughton Manor Preparatory School, Newport Road, Broughton, Milton Keynes MK10 9AA. Telephone :01908 665 234

We are also recruiting for our pre-prep school.
Walton Pre-Preparatory School and Nursery, The Old Rectory, Walton Drive, Milton Keynes MK7 6BB

Please apply, enclosing your CV to kgoodridge@mkps.co.uk. Alternatively please apply in writing or telephone to request an application form.

Harlington Upper School

Harlington, Beds

Harlington is a highly successful, Upper School and Academy. We have over 1395 students and consistently achieve outstanding exam results.

- **Teacher of Maths – MPS**
  for September 2014
- **Teacher of ICT – MPS**
  for September 2014
- **Assistant to Head of Sixth Form**
  NJC 3C points 17–20 (£16,830 – £18,453 pro rata)
  To provide admin/PA support to the Head of Sixth Form and students. This post is for 37 hours per week, term time only, plus four additional days during summer holidays.
- **Teaching Assistant**
  NJC 2B points 11–14 (£14,733 – £15,725 pro rata)
  Teaching Assistants provide learning support for students both within a class and on an individual basis; this post is for up to 30 hours per week, term time only.

Details of these posts and online application forms available at www.harlington.org

Closing date: 10 am on Tuesday 28 January 2014

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff to share this commitment. A DBS disclosure is required for this post.

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Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP)

Up to 37.5 hours

Practice Nurses - Up to 37.5

We are an expanding organisation delivering high quality care from 10 GP Practices in the Midlands and the South of England.

We are seeking an Advanced Nurse Practitioner and Practice nurses for our Kingsway practice and Practice nurses for our Petros surgery in Luton. This is an exciting opportunity for a suitably qualified ANP's and Practice nurses, committed to contributing positively to the Practices and working with an established and committed practice team.

We are a GP led organisation with attractive terms & conditions, NHS pensions & flexible working.

Closing date 20th January 2014.

If you are interested please forward your CV and covering letter to John Brett, Director of Operations & Performance, Phoenix Primary Care Limited, Collingwood Health Centre, Collingwood Drive, Great Barr,Birmingham, B43 7NF.

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SALES ADMINISTRATOR

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The Role :-

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The Ideal Candidate :-

- Confident telephone manner with strong communication skills
- Ability to work under own initiative
- Motivation to work well within a team
- Computer literate

Salary up to £16,000 with pension, healthcare and bonus negotiable

Please send CV's to john.tyrrell@puls.co.uk or
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Bedford Borough Council

Stephenson Lower School
Cavin Way , Bedford MK42 0HL

Educational Communicator

£19,621 - £21,519 pa pro rata

27.5 hours per week Term-time only fixed-term until 31 March 2014, with the possibility of an extension

To start as soon as possible at the Hearing Impaired Provision at Stephenson Lower School with a team of Educational Communicators and a Teacher of the Deaf. The post is to support pupils with a hearing impairment enabling and supporting access to the curriculum and facilitation inclusion using strategies appropriate to individual pupils.

Sign language skills at a minimum level 1 and GCSE (or equivalent) English and Maths are an essential requirement. Experience of working with hearing impaired pupils is preferable.

For further details and an application pack please contact Julia Staton on tel: 01234 300710, mobile: 07748 760139 or email: Julia.staton@bedford.gov.uk

Closing date: 24 January 2014.

Mark Rutherford School
Wentworth Drive, Bedford MK41 8PX

Head of Physical Education

Required from 22nd April 2014
Full-time
MPS/UPS Plus TLR1a £7,397

We wish to appoint an enthusiastic, well qualified Physical Education specialist with proven leadership ability to lead the P.E. department at Mark Rutherford. An ability to teach fully within the Physical Education curriculum, including AS and A2, is essential.

You will be required to make a full contribution to the extensive extra-curricular programme which includes football, rugby, netball, basketball, tennis, rounders and athletics.

If you are motivated, ambitious and want to work with us to make a difference to the lives of our students then we want to hear from you.

Visits to the school are welcomed. Please contact Fran Wade (01234 290200) to arrange a time.

All the information relating to this vacancy can be downloaded from our website; www.markrutherford.beds.sch.uk/vacancies

Please email your completed application forms to fran.wade@mrus.co.uk

We do not accept CVs.

Closing date: 19 January 2014 at midnight.
Interview date: 29 January 2014.

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ICKNIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
Birdsfoot Lane, Luton LU3 2JB

Educational Communicator

Vacancy ID: 100698

£10,632 - £11,770 p.a.
27.5 hours per week, term-time plus 5 days

Immediate start possible.

We require an experienced Educational Communicator to support our HIP team in all aspects of the curriculum with deaf and hearing-impaired pupils aged 4-11 years, primarily within mainstream classes and under the direction of Teachers of the Deaf and Classteachers.

A minimum of CACDP Stage 2 British Sign Language and GCSE Grade C or above in Maths and English is required.

The successful candidate will be able to:

- enhance learning opportunities for hearing impaired pupils,
- bring to bear knowledge and practical experience gained through working with pupils with SEN,
- facilitate the intellectual and social development of hearing impaired pupils, working with individuals to support the achievement of targets in all curriculum areas,
- contribute to the planning of teaching and learning for individual pupils with a hearing impairment,
- facilitate the intellectual and social development of hearing impaired pupils, working with individuals to support the achievement of targets in all curriculum areas,
- undertake basic checking and testing of audiology equipment,
- work with HIP and mainstream staff to increase deaf awareness and promote the successful inclusion of hearing impaired pupils into mainstream school life,
- demonstrate a strong sense of teamwork.

Teaching Assistant (1)

Vacancy ID: 100699

£3,536 - £3,859
10 hours per week, term time plus 5 days

Part time position afternoons only - 10 hours per week

Immediate start possible

We are looking to appoint an experienced Teaching Assistant to join our team of committed, caring and dedicated support staff.

The successful applicant will:

- Be qualified at GCSE Grade C (or above) in Maths and English
- Have good understanding and knowledge of synthetic phonics
- Have experience of working both in mainstream and/or with SEN children

We can offer:

- A supportive working environment with an excellent staff team
- Highly inclusive practices
- Commitment to the achievement of high standards
- Professional development for all staff
- An exciting, enriching curriculum
- Excellent resources

Cleaner

Vacancy ID: 100700

£3,231 - £3,356p.a
10 hours per week, 50 weeks per year

Immediate start possible

We pride ourselves on the high standards of cleanliness maintained throughout our school and are looking for a cleaner to join our team.

We would like to hear from you if you are friendly, hard-working and committed to working with us to keep our school clean, safe and bright.

Hours of work are 3.30 to 5.30 pm, Mon-Friday during term time, and we operate a flexible working system during the school holiday periods.

For further details on the above roles please contact Paula Sanders PA to Headteacher on 01582 533117

To apply for this role, visit www.luton.gov.uk/jobs

Closing date: 24 February 2014
Interview date: TBC

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools. Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child/vulnerable adult protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with previous employers and a Criminal Record check.

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Deadline: 24 January 2014

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Account Handler - Kartell UK Limited

Job Type: Full time/permanent

A leading heating distributor based in Bedford requires an account handler in a fast pace growing business working within a team. Key responsibilities will include:

- All aspects of sales order processing
- Managing customer requests and taking detailed information
- Maintaining good customer relations and ledgers
- Good telephone manner
- Highly organised and computer literate
- Essential to work within a team

Please send your cv with covering email to:
Catherine@kartelluk.com

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Joining our Financial Support Team in the Finance Department we are currently recruiting two articulate and ambitious accountants.

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Closing date: 24 January 2014. Interviews: w/c 3 February 2014.

Assistant to HR Director

£18,500 to £20,500 per annum

Using your excellent planning, communication and organisational skills you will provide comprehensive administrative and project support. As an 'all rounder' with a solutions driven approach you will be comfortable juggling a variety of tasks with a high degree of accuracy, flexibility, confidentiality and discretion. You will have excellent written and verbal communication skills and be able to maintain relationships with individuals at all levels as well as being an effective forward-planner who thinks of the details with the ability to anticipate and respond quickly to change. You will be the first point of contact for the HR Director and have an opportunity to support her on a range of activities and special projects as well as your normal day to day duties which will include producing documents and reports, handling correspondence, meeting, travel and diary coordination.

The role would particularly suit someone who has an interest in HR or Training. The RSPB has over 2100 staff based across the UK, so support to the HR Director will be a diverse and interesting role for someone with the right skills and attitude.

Closing date: 24 January 2014. Interviews: 5 February 2014.

All roles are full time 37.5 hours per week on a permanent basis, however part time would be considered for the Assistant to HR Director role.

For further information and an application form, please visit our website.

www.rspb.org.uk/vacancies

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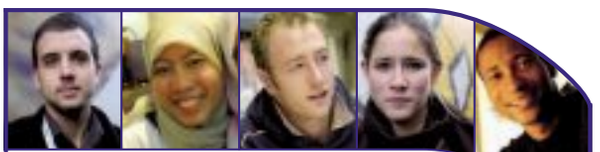
The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity. England and Wales no. 207076. Scotland no. SC037654.



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Accounts Manager

30 hours per week | £26,000 – £30,000 per annum pro rata dependant on experience | Based in Bedford

The successful candidate will be self-motivated and able to act on their own initiative. As the Accounts manager you will be responsible for producing accurate, robust and timely financial management accounts and analysis.

The successful candidate will be a fully or part-qualified accountant (ACA, ACCA or CIMA), with good IT skills and a minimum 2 years' experience in a finance department for a medium-sized business. Working within a Charity and knowledge of Quick Books accounting system would be an advantage but is not essential.

Volunteer Outreach Workers

To work nights and some weekends

We are seeking dedicated volunteers to work with vulnerable adults on a night shift which includes some weekends. You will need to be committed, compassionate and have an empathy for the homeless.

For an information pack please contact: Catherine Crook in Human Resources at Bedfordshire Housing Link. 31A Prebend Street Bedford MK40 1QN. Tel 01234 334607 or e-mail recruitment@bhlnet.org

Closing Date: Monday 27th January 2014

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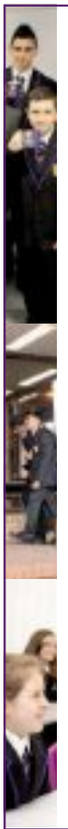

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Facilities Assistant x 2

£14,000-£18,000 pro rata

Core Curriculum Teachers

- Mathematics (Maternity cover, in the first instance)
- English and Drama

£24,745-£36,360 pro rata

Science – Second in Department

£24,745-£36,360

Plus Bedford Free School responsibilty allowance per annum, pro rata.

Closing Date: **Midday, Monday 27 January 2014**
(Interviews commencing: Thursday January 30 2014)

Our staff will:

- **share our values of respect, honesty and high expectations**
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the Hazeley ACADEMY

Geography Teacher (Permanent)
Mathematics Teacher
(Permanent, possible September start)
Psychology Teacher
(Maternity Cover, part time could be considered)
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Science Teacher (Maternity Cover)

Salary: MPS • Required for April 2014

The Hazeley Academy was first opened in September 2005 with just short of 300 year 7 & 8 students in what was to become a £30+ million new-build on the western flank of Milton Keynes. Although still young and evolving we are now close to capacity (1567) with a sixth form of nearly 300. Judged by Ofsted in 2009 as a good school with outstanding features with an outstanding subject in 2011, we also have a track record which positions us as one of the highest achieving schools in the city.

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Please do find out more about the Academy at our website – www.thehazeleyacademy.com.

Please provide a covering letter stating why you wish to work at The Hazeley and what qualities you can bring to the Academy.

An application pack is available from our website www.thehazeleyacademy.com or alternatively you can contact Mrs Roshni Gandhi-Patel, HR Administration Assistant, at the address below. The closing date for applications to be received in school is 12.00pm on Friday 31st January.

The Hazeley Academy is an equal opportunities employer. The Hazeley Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check is required for all successful applicants.

Recruitment, The Hazeley Academy, Emperor Drive, Milton Keynes, MK8 0PT
Tel: **01908 555620** • Fax: **01908 508357** • Email: **recruitment@thehazeleyacademy.com**
Website: **www.hazeley.milton-keynes.sch.uk**
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Building Services – Customer Service Adviser

(fixed term for 6 months for maternity cover)

£14,000-£18,000 **Ref: 50019349**

If you're good with people and IT-literate, you could join the Building Services department in this key, temporary role. You'll be part of our contact centre team, taking calls, handling enquiries and providing a high standard of customer service. You'll do your best to resolve issues; update systems; manage surveyors' diaries (booking in inspections); and monitor the progress of building repairs. It means working closely with the housing department and making sure they're aware of any issues with properties. Ideally, you'll have worked in a busy contact centre or office before, where you'll have honed your customer service skills.

For informal enquiries, please contact Vanessa Reilly on 01908 254821.

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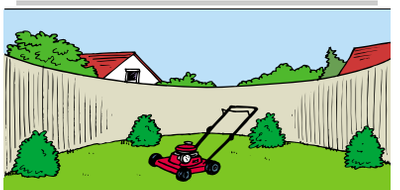

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The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION 123(1), (2A)

LAND AT Emberton Park, Olney Road, Emberton, near Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire

The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends to dispose of land having an area of approximately 52 hectares at Emberton Park, Olney Road, Emberton, near Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire which consists of an open space to Milton Keynes Parks Trust Limited for use as leisure, recreation and open space with ancillary uses.

Objections to the intended disposal must be made in writing and addressed to:

The Estate Manager, Property Services, the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, of Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3HS

by no later than 29 January 2014

Dated 15 January 2014

David Hill

Chief Executive

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73 WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

13/02455/FUL Conversion and extension of existing barn into residential dwelling at 3 George Inn Place, Stoke Goldington, Newport Pagnell

13/02498/FUL Single storey front, side and rear extensions; erection of detached garage; alterations to front boundary wall and the installation of electric gates at 35 Olney Road, Emberton

13/02588/FUL Single storey rear extension at 51 Union Street, Newport Pagnell

13/02613/TCA Notification of intention to reduce the height of Laylandii hedge by half at Westcott House, Common Street, Ravenstone

13/02615/FUL Single storey rear extension at 32 Chapel Street, Woburn Sands

13/02658/FUL Variation and removal of conditions attached to planning permission 10/01916/FUL; variation of condition 1 - amendment to approved drawings; variation of condition 4 - amendment to amount of comparison floor space; removal of condition 32 regarding recycling centre at Former Aston Martin Site, Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell

13/02695/TCA Notification of intention to remove 2 x Maple trees; raise canopy to clear footpath by 3m and road by 5m and remove remaining broken branches on road side to 1x Crab Apple at 9 Gold Street, Hanslope

13/02700/TPO Tree preservation order consent to fell 1x Lawson Cyprus at The Cottage, Church Lane, Clifton Reynes

13/02707/FUL Two storey rear extension at 51 East Street, Olney

SECTION 67 & 73 LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

13/02617/FUL Replacement of existing timber windows and front door with timber double glazed windows and front door at 5 The Maltings, Silver End, Olney

13/02618/LBC Listed building consent for the replacement of existing timber windows and front door with timber double glazed windows and front door at 5 The Maltings, Silver End, Olney

13/02677/FUL Rear conservatory (resubmission of 13/02046/FUL) at 4 Vicarage Road, Bradwell

13/02689/LBC Listed building consent to repair and renovate existing roof at 131 High Street, Stony Stratford

13/02690/LBC Listed building consent for works to Hut 1 - to demolish two partitions to revert to original building configuration; to remove asbestos identified in Asbestos report; to remove suspended ceiling on northern end of building to revert to original sloped soffit configuration at Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley

13/02691/FUL Ground floor extension and internal ground floor alterations (resubmission of 13/01358/FUL) at The Old George Inn, 41 High Street, Stony Stratford

13/02692/LBC Listed building consent for ground floor extension and internal ground floor alterations (resubmission of 13/01359/LBC) at The Old George Inn, 41 High Street, Stony Stratford

13/02716/LBC Listed building consent for a rear conservatory at 4 Vicarage Road, Bradwell

SECTION 67 LISTED BUILDING

13/02685/FUL Erection of dwelling at Home Farm, Lane To East of A509, Warrington

13/02708/LBC Listed building consent to install a water sprinkler fire prevention system at 2 Drayton Road, Bletchley

SECTION 67 AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING

13/02558/FUL Change of use from agricultural land to construction contractors compound for period of two years at Hanslope Park, Hanslope Park Road, Hanslope

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

13/02636/MMAM Minor material amendments to planning permission 09/01662/REM for the omission of plot 136 and rotation of plots 134 and 135 to create additional parking for the bowls club at Land Adjacent To Bletchley Leisure Centre, Princes Way, Bletchley

13/02655/FUL Construction of two storey building to provide double height 4-court sports hall and 12 x additional classrooms; single storey extension to existing school to provide 2 x additional classrooms at Two Mile Ash School, The High Street, Two Mile Ash

13/02670/MMAM Minor material amendment to plots 1-8 to replace with the same FB2 units as Plots 113-120 (08/00126/REM) at Site To NW of 19, Plots 1 – 8, Norden Mead, Walton

NICK FENWICK
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(WITAN GATE (PART), CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 15th January 2014, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all vehicular access along that part of the south- eastbound carriageway of Witan Gate, Central Milton Keynes from its junction with Midsummer Boulevard to its junction with Avebury Boulevard and to prohibit all access along that part of the north-east side of the footway on Witan Gate, Central Milton Keynes running along the south-west side of number 599 Witan Gate. It is anticipated that these closures will commence for approximately one day only within the period from Monday 20th January 2014 until 21st February 2014, inclusive, dependent on weather conditions.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates and at the times shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

The alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the carriageway closure will be to proceed via Midsummer Boulevard, Lower Fourth Street and Avebury Boulevard and vice versa.

The alternative route for all traffic affected by the footway closure will be to proceed via the existing footway along Holkham Walk.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closures are necessary because of essential works being carried out, namely works to replace broken glazing at number 2 Witan Gate which will require the placing of a cherry picker on the carriageway in order to lift and replace glazing.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order except for emergency services and military vehicles on operational duties.

The Order will come into operation on the 20th January 2014 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works are completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

15th January 2014

Civic Offices — Ifty Ali
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Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(FOOTWAY (PART), A5130 NEWPORT ROAD, BROOKLANDS)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 15th January 2014, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to enable works to be carried out, namely works on the highway to install a bell mouth opening, driveway crossovers and parking spaces as well as the installation of a gas main and fibre optic cabling. The effect of this will be to temporarily prohibit all access along that part of the north side of the footway on the A5130 Newport Road, Brooklands from its junction with Broughton Grounds Lane to a point approximately 100 metres south-east of a point in line with the junction of Amber Gate, Broughton. It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect from Thursday 16th January 2014 until Sunday 16th February 2014, inclusive.

The alternative route for access will be via a temporary footway and the existing footway on the south side of the carriageway. There will also be a temporary signalled crossing point on the A5130 in order to provide a safe crossing for pedestrians to the south side footway.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for the emergency services.

The Order will come into operation on the 16th January 2014 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further Order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, CENTRAL BLETCHLEY AND FENNY STRATFORD)
(CONSOLIDATION OF PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS)
ORDER 2002) VARIATION ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 13th January 2014, made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and have the following effects:

The introduction of no waiting at any time restrictions along some lengths of Dane Road, Denbigh Hall, Bletchley;

The introduction of limited waiting restrictions, Monday to Saturday, between the hours of 6.30am and 7.00pm for a maximum period of 20 minutes, no return within 1 hour, in part of Dane Road, Denbigh Hall, Bletchley.

This Order will come into effect from the 16th January 2014.

The classes of vehicle affected by the Order are passenger vehicles, dual-purpose vehicles, goods vehicles, disabled persons' vehicles, mopeds and motorcycles. Exemptions from the Order include: emergency service vehicles, statutory undertakers, some loading and unloading, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the Order as made together with a map showing the areas referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, Bletchley and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Please quote reference WL/P&E/8112/TRO/2245.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

15th January 2014

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS ROADS, NEWPORT PAGNELL) (CONSOLIDATION
OF PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2002)
VARIATION ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 13th January 2014, made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and have the following effects:

The introduction of no waiting at any time restrictions along some lengths of Linford Avenue, Portfields Road and the access road leading to the local shops and Abbotts Wood, Newport Pagnell.

An extension of the existing no waiting at any time restrictions along part of Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell.

This Order will come into effect on the 16th January 2014.

The classes of vehicle affected by the Order are passenger vehicles, dual-purpose vehicles, goods vehicles, disabled persons' vehicles, mopeds and motorcycles. Exemptions from the Order include: emergency service vehicles, statutory undertakers, some loading and unloading, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the Order as made, together with a map showing the areas referred to, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell Library, St John Street, Newport Pagnell and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Please quote reference WL/P&E/8111/TRO/2244.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

15th January 2014

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, BLETCHLEY) (CONSOLIDATION OF PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITION OF LOADING)
ORDER 2002) VARIATION ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 15th January 2014, made the above named Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Order will have the following effect in part of the carriageway within the road stated below:-

- The introduction of 1 disabled persons' parking place along St Mary's Avenue, Bletchley (adjacent to the local shops) so as to formalise the existing disabled persons' parking place, in order to provide a parking facility for valid blue badge holders only.

The Order will take effect from the 16th January 2014.

All classes of vehicle are affected by the Order. Exemptions from the Order include:- emergency services vehicles, military vehicles for operational purposes, vehicles used by statutory undertakers, and for building, demolition and excavation purposes.

Copies of the Order as made and a map showing the affected road may be viewed at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on any working day, and at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, Bletchley, Milton Keynes during normal opening hours. Please quote reference BAS-P&E-8508-2292.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

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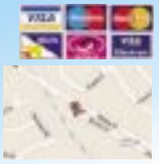

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RUGBY UNION

Bletchley go seven clear

BLETCHLEY moved seven points clear at the summit of the Southern Counties North League thanks to a crucial 26-22 victory over neighbours Aylesbury in a top of the table clash.

Thatcham moved into second place after the result, which was a lot more one-sided than the scoreline suggested.

It took 14 minutes, but eventually Bletchley broke the deadlock with a penalty kick from Phil Harman to go 3-0 up, and 10 minutes later, Harman doubled the advantage to 6-0.

Bletchley eventually breached the Aylesbury defence to score a try after excellent handling by their backs, following good work at the breakdown by the forwards; Adam Fox showing good strength to break through a ruck.

Kyle Gibbings was the recipient of the good handling to score in the right hand corner of the pitch for an 11-0 advantage.

Aylesbury missed a penalty but scored a converted try out wide to reduce their arrears to 11-7.

The second half saw a bit more expansive rugby being played and with only three minutes gone, Bletchley doubled their try tally through Simon Pitfield to make it 16-7.

Ten minutes later and Harman intercepted a pass to run in 50m to score, before an Aylesbury penalty brought the game back to 21-10.

Mellon secured the bonus point try after an hour as Bletchley opened up a 16 point lead, but a converted try for the visitors made it 26-15.

The game became scrappy for the last period of the match as both sides failed to capitalise on possession and territory.

With time running out for Aylesbury, they had a final push for the score that would at least ensure a losing bonus point and they were rewarded for their efforts in the fourth minute of injury time with a converted try.

With the home supporters getting twitchy and concerned about an extended period of injury time due to stoppages, the game was brought to a close with five minutes of injury time played.

Next weekend Bletchley represent Bucks, and will play Reading Abbey at Manor Fields in the next round of the National Shield at 2pm.

Meanwhile, in the Midlands Two East (South), Olney beat Market Harborough 25-10 to move up to fifth in the table.

MK Dons Head of Coaching GARY WADDOCK writes exclusively for MK News every week

IT'S funny that we have had the Christmas and New Year period, which has been busy, but then we have the next two weeks which are going to be even busier than Christmas was.

We're playing midweek this week, next week and the week after, so it's busy.

Obviously we played our first game without Patrick Bamford but the players created chances and we need people to do that.

Chris Long scored on his debut and I don't think he'll get an easier goal than that, Dele Alli has also chipped in and Bowds (Dean Bowditch) coming back is fantastic.

Wigan on Tuesday night will be a good occasion for the club and it was a really good performance by us up there at the DW Stadium 10 days ago.

We travel to Bristol City on Saturday and I'm sure there are a lot of people who are surprised to see them where they are in the League One table.

It's a tough league and sometimes you see clubs going down and it can be difficult to turn that around.

They have changed their manager and I'm sure he'll get it right but we need to go to Ashton Gate, make sure we perform and cause them problems.

They have drawn a lot of games and if they'd have turned those draws into wins, they would have shot up the League One table.

Thomas Hitzlsperger came out in the last week and I think that was a very brave decision.

There are a handful of players in the game and I would imagine it's a difficult thing to say in a team sport.

It's not something I've ever come across as a player or a manager, but I think it's brave of him to say what he has.

• GARY was speaking before Dons' home match against Wigan Athletic last night.

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Near miss: Karl Robinson puts his hands on his head as Dons go close. Pictures: Andy Handley

Battle: Ben Reeves fights for the ball

Duo get ready for Kuala Lumpur after quarter-final defeat

BADMINTON husband and wife couple Chris and Gabby Adcock will represent England in the Maybank Malaysia Open, which has been taking place in Kuala Lumpur this week.

Chris and Gabby will take on the pair they beat in the final of the Yonex Sunrise Hong Kong Open – Cheng Liu and Yixin Bao from China – in their first game at 9.15am this morning.

The Adcocks are taking part in the mixed doubles alongside Chris Langridge and Heather Olver, and will also be taking part in the men's doubles and women's doubles.

Gabby Adcock will once again partner Lauren Smith in the women's doubles, while Chris Adcock is with Andy Ellis following their superb showing to reach the semi-finals in last week's Victor Korea Open in Seoul, South Korea.

Had Chris won in that semi-final with Ellis, he would have become the first English player to appear in two Superseries finals.

Ellis and Adcock, who won the Yonex Sunrise Open mixed doubles title with wife Gabby in November, were beaten 21-11 21-9 by four-times world champion and London 2012 winner Fu Haifeng and current partner Hong Wei.

The Chinese pair got off to a flying start by opening up a 7-0 lead and, although Adcock and Ellis recovered to within three points at 9-6, Fu and Hong finished the game with a five-point burst from 16-11.

Fu and Hong were just as determined in the second game, moving from 7-5 to 14-5 on the way to a 34-minute win.

Even so, reaching the semi-finals of this opening MetLife BWF World Superseries tournament of 2014 should give Adcock and Ellis a boost from their world ranking of number 13 as they head for Kuala Lumpur.

Chris and Gabby lost their mixed doubles quarter-final on Friday.

Gabby tweeted: "Unfortunately it wasn't our day today.

"We didn't play great and they were solid today, but we still have a lot to learn from."

The third seeds suffered a surprise 21-16 21-16 defeat to Yun Lung Chan and Ying Suet Tse, the Hong Kong pair they had defeated by an almost identical scoreline in the Victor China Open in November in their only previous meeting.

But Chris Adcock returned to the court later on Friday determined to make amends for his earlier defeat when he and Ellis scored a fine victory over Chinese third seeds Liu Xiaolong and Qiu Zihan in their quarter final, 21-19 22-20 after 52 minutes.

Adcock and Ellis dominated the first game and led 15-12 18-16, but each time the Chinese pair drew level.

However, the top England pair managed to win the next two points to hold game point at 20-18 and they did well to clinch it at their second attempt.

In the second game Adcock and Ellis built on a 7-3 lead before reeling off five points in a row to move to 14-8.

They maintained their six-point advantage at 18-12, but the Chinese pair hit back with seven points in a row to lead 19-18.

But on their second match point, Adcock and Ellis took the contest to mark a good recovery.

The Korean tournament was the opening event on the MetLife BWF Superseries 2014 circuit with the action now moving to Malaysia.

In the Malaysian Open this week, Gabby Adcock and Smith are up against Hong Kong's Hoi Wah Chau and Lok Yan Poon, which begins today at 3.45pm.

Chris Adcock and Ellis are up against top seeds Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawan at 4.30pm.

Chris tweeted: "Tough day tomorrow! Kick off early with a re-match of our HongKong XD Final against the Chinese and then the World Champ in the men's later on!

"But looking forward to both the matches and hoping for two good performances."

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Dons out as Latics strike in extra time

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former Manchester United man Chadwick tucked the ball away under pressure to give Dons an early 1-0 lead.

Dons were penetrating well going forward, but their at times shaky defence this season was not entirely comfortable with the Wigan attack, and Martin had to be at his best to deny Fraser Fyvie with an extremely smart, diving save to his right from the side-footed, 20-yard shot.

Wigan's Roger Espinoza then did extremely well to get to the ball at the byline and cross in after 20 minutes, which looked like it surprised Marc-Antoine Fortune. He spurned his shot with the goal at his mercy to keep Dons ahead.

Ben Reeves did very well to meet Darren Potter's through ball minutes later for Dons, but the former Southampton man's cross had nobody on the end of it to the disappointment of the home crowd.

Back came Wigan though again through the impressive Espinoza, whose 35-yard goal gave the Latics the lead in the original tie 10 days ago.

This time his shot from the corner of the box on the left hand side was close to brushing the upright, with the keeper at full tilt.

Al Habsi made a terrific one-handed save to deny Shaun Williams from 20 yards out when Potter won a free kick on the edge of the area, drawing the foul from Leon Barnett after 30 minutes.

Reeves got a great shot in from the resulting corner after it was cleared to the edge of the box, and Al Habsi had to be alert to gather the ball on the half-hour mark.

Dons were bludgeoning the Wigan goal for a five-minute spell, and firstly a penalty was denied when Potter stabbed his foot at goal, before Reeves' free kick from out wide, originally intended as a cross, went all the way past everybody and agonisingly wide.

Then Dean Lewington let rip with an outstanding 25-yarder with the outside of his boot that was only met by an equally outstanding save from Al Habsi.

Just like the first game, it was proving an end to end, entertaining affair, and after getting past his man, the dangerous Espinoza's effort from

Safe sands: Ali Al-Habsi frustrated Dons

the edge of the box was close to being the equaliser for the Latics but it went wide.

Dan Powell then perhaps gave an indication that centre forward was not the position for him in the 37th minute. Winning the ball on the edge of the box, he completely scuffed his lines when he was presented with a great opportunity to send Dons 2-0 up. Both teams were attacking with gusto, but no further opportunities presented themselves and 1-0 was the score at the break.

The second half began at a slower pace, with Espinoza's early looping effort not causing much bother in the 48th minute.

Dons seemed content to let Wigan come at them, and a low shot by Fyvie failed to hit the target. Dean Bowditch was introduced on 58 minutes for the hosts, and he almost made an immediate impact when he darted this way and that past James Perch, but there were no Dons teammates to meet his cross.

Wigan then nearly took advantage of an Antony Kay error when the centre back failed to clear a routine ball along the floor, but James McClean couldn't divert the ball into the back of the net as Dons got numbers behind the ball.

Dons were subjected to sustained periods without the ball as the game rolled over the hour mark, but Wigan were finding chances extremely sparse as the home side pressed very well and cleared any crosses in the box.

But despite the Wigan pressure, it was Dons with the next chance on 70 minutes. Firstly, Chris McCann got a wicked deflection on a Bowditch cross which Al Habsi had to tip over, before Reeves showed wonderful technique to get his half-volley off from the edge of the box, which only just went over the bar.

Now it was Dons who looked the most threatening, and five minutes later the Wigan post was rattled.

A corner was cleared only as far as Williams, whose shot struck Dan Powell and planted itself on the post before going out for a goal kick.

But with 10 minutes left, Wigan were back on level terms. Nick Powell beat Martin to McCann's cross, and he slotted the ball into the empty net to make it 1-1.

Potter was rushed into shooting over the bar when Dons attacked in numbers in the 82nd minute, but it was difficult to tell which way the game would go as both sides had going forward at the forefront of their minds.

There seemed to be an inevitability that extra time would be needed to separate the two sides, although that could have changed had the impressive Carruthers, who was full of spark and hard work, not found himself running into traffic in the Wigan area.

As four minutes of injury time were announced, Dons were twice denied by cynical Wigan fouling. Firstly, James McArthur rugby tackled Carruthers to the ground, before Ben Watson took out Daniel Powell when it looked like he was the last man, but referee James Adcock only booked the Wigan skipper.

That proved to be the last action in the 90 minutes, but in the first minute of extra time, disaster struck. A great through ball was played for Nick Powell, who was onside, and he lifted the ball over Martin to put Wigan 2-1 ahead.

With Dons stretched as they searched for an equaliser, Fortune finished very well to add a touch of gloss to the scoreline, and send the holders through to round four.

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ATHLETICS

TWO medals came for Marshall Milton Keynes Athletic Club on the first day of the South of England Indoor Championships at Lee Valley.

Rachel Gibbens won gold in the pole vault, clearing 3.80 metres to take the title, while Emanuela Motta won silver after vaulting three metres.

Bedford and County moved 1,499 points ahead of MK in the Chiltern Cross Country League, handing them an almost insurmountable advantage.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

OLNEY Town drew 2-2 at Rothwell Corinthians in Division One of the United Counties League.

Stephen Watson and Deanio Bailey-Browne scored in the first half as Olney went 2-1 up, with Rothwell scoring through Sam Johnson and substitute Ian Hay.

Lee Jones scored an 86th minute winner to give New Bradwell St Peter a 2-1 success against Totternhoe in Division Two of the Spartan South Midlands Football League.

Demarlo Smith gave Bradwell a seventh minute lead early in the game, but Chris Golding equalised in the 33rd minute.

Peter Maxey scored an 87th minute penalty as a consolation for Old Bradwell United as they succumbed to a 4-1 defeat at The 61 FC (Luton).

KARTING

THE British Rental Kart Championship takes place this weekend in Bletchley. Between 50 and 100 riders are expected at Formula Fast in the Bond estate on Bond Avenue.

DARTS

FALLON Sherrock missed four match darts as she lost 2-1 to three-time world champion Anastasia Dobromyslova in the 2014 Lakeside World Darts Championship quarter finals.

The MK 19-year-old had beaten Rilana Erades in the first round of the tournament. Lisa Ashton won the event.

HANDBALL

MK OLY Cats made a strong start to 2014 with a 34-6 win over Olympia Cannock.

The Oly Cats continued their quest for promotion to the top tier, the men's Super 8, with a third win in four Midlands Division One matches.

England handball coach Alex Rabinin top-scored with six goals.

Having been defeated by Coventry Sharkbite in their last outing back in November, the Oly Cats found themselves 7-0 up after just 12 minutes.

The explosive performance continued for the rest of the half, with the score 19-1 at the break.

Team GB captain, goalkeeper and Oly Cats player-coach Bobby White said: "I'm delighted to win, especially by such a margin."

ICE HOCKEY

Leaders defeated but MK stung by Bees

MK LIGHTNING inflicted a carbon copy 7-2 defeat on Manchester Phoenix for the second game in a row, but they were unable to build on that momentum with a 4-1 loss against Bracknell Bees.

Head coach Nick Poole felt that his side ran out of steam in the loss on Sunday, and was somewhat frustrated at not being able to close in on the summit of the English Premier League (EPL) table, particularly after the Manchester Phoenix success on Saturday.

"It's a bit frustrating because on Saturday we were outstanding and I was really pleased with our performance," said Poole.

"On Sunday we paid the price for such an effort on Saturday and I think we were a little bit tired after the long break."

Saturday's success was all the more impressive considering the absence of Stan Lascek, who inflamed a nerve in his ribs, and he is a major doubt for this weekend's games against Swindon Wildcats at the Coventry Skydome, and the trip to Telford Tigers.

"Both teams have heavily strengthened and put a lot of investment into their sides so we will have to be better, and we can't afford to slip up if we want to close the gap on the league leaders," added Poole.

On Saturday net minder Stephen Wall lived up to his name, thwarting Phoenix's best efforts to defeat him, and with Janne Jokila bagging four goals the pair were the lynchpins of the win. Manchester got off the mark first before Blaz Emersic supplied Jokila who pulled one back from close range 25 seconds later.

Jokila and Emersic made it 3-1, and the former completed his hat-trick before Grant McPherson took the score to 5-1 at 34mins 38secs after great passing between him and Jordan Cownie.

Adam Carr made it 6-1 and Manchester pulled one back before Carr got the seventh.

Lightning were out of luck at The Hive the following night after they got off to a bad start, going two goals behind before getting their solitary strike through Cownie after McPherson provided the assist. Lightning remain fourth in the EPL.

Pressure: Lightning attack the Phoenix goal

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Deadly double from Man Utd starlet settles cup tie

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FA CUP THIRD ROUND REPLAY

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DONS were knocked out of the FA Cup last night as on-loan Man Utd star Nick Powell struck twice to send holders Wigan Athletic through at stadiummk.

The highly rated 19-year-old first rescued the Championship side with a late leveller to take the tie to extra time at 1-1 and he then struck again just moments into the additional half an hour to put his team in front.

It was a brave effort by Dons who earned yesterday's replay with a fine 3-3 draw at Wigan's DW Stadium but it was Uwe Rosler's visitors who booked a fourth round date with Premier League Crystal Palace.

Marc-Antoine Fortune sealed their win with a third goal to confirm a scoreline which was harsh on their League One hosts.

Karl Robinson's side can now focus on league duties and there was some good news last night as Swindon, who are above Dons in the table, were beaten 2-0 by struggling Stevenage and have now played a game extra than the stadiummk outfit.

Daniel Powell was opted for up front by Dons with new striker Chris Long ineligible to play, and he nearly rewarded manager Robinson's decision immediately when he cut inside and got a shot off at the near post which Wigan goalkeeper Ali Al Habsi was equal to.

James McClean had the first shot of the night for Wigan, but David Martin was equal to it on what was likely to be a busy night for the home goalkeeper.

But with only nine minutes on the clock, Dons were given a dream start when Luke Chadwick slotted the ball home on his return from a foot injury.

Aston Villa loanee Samir Carruthers crossed the ball in, and

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Knocked out: Samir Carruthers races forward during yesterday's game

Bowditch reveals frustration over lengthy hip injury

MK DONS winger Dean Bowditch says his extended time out of the side with a hip injury has been 'frustrating'.

The number nine, who was Dons' top scorer for the last two seasons, played his first minutes of this campaign in the 3-2 success at home to Shrewsbury Town on Saturday, and made a sensational return by bagging the third goal just moments after coming on.

"If you imagine coming back to pre-season, and having to have an operation, spending two or three months getting back and then breaking down, it's horrible for a player and I wouldn't wish that upon anyone," said Bowditch.

"Simon Crampton (club physio) must have been scratching his head at times wondering what it was and eventually we found a programme of doing things without having any pain.

"Things in the last two or three weeks have come on leaps and bounds and I can see that in the way I've trained and now played."

There was a planned comeback for Bowditch in September, but the complex nature of his injury kept causing him problems which kept him out for another four months.

"I've had one or two false starts and it has felt like a long time to be out," said the 27-year-old.

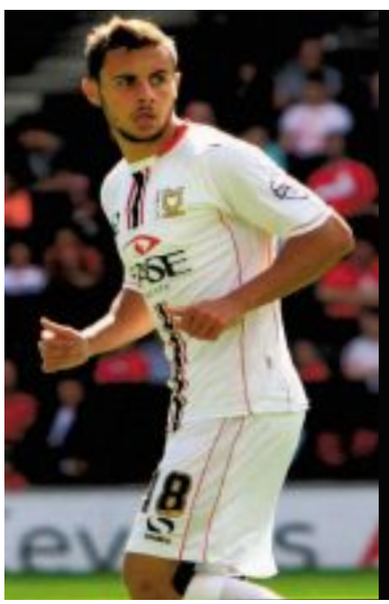
"In September I was nearly back, I was in training but I knew deep down that something wasn't right still.

"I was almost kidding myself saying that it was a bit sore because I'd not been training for a while and then two or three sessions down the line it was getting worse and then I had a session when I completely broke down."

But despite the complex injury, Bowditch always saw light at the end of the tunnel, and never feared for his future playing career.

"Hopefully now I can push on and get back to the way I was playing last year," he said.

"I could always see a glimmer of hope. You keep plugging away and working hard and I had people behind me that were keeping me going."



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